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Inspired by Her Students, Bowman Embraces Future

By Marilou Newell

Rose Bowman, principal of Center and Old Hammondtown schools, has been helping children achieve their full potential for a very long time. For decades Bowman has either directly worked with children or assisted classroom teachers, and it has never gotten old, it has felt fresh and thoroughly rewarding. Just ask her and the first thing that will happen is that she will smile and then she'll share that being with the students, "… fills my heart with joy."

On the occasion of her recent announcement that she intends to retire in June, Bowman reflected on her long career in education. "I've been in education for 50 years," she said chuckling, "and some of my former students have beaten me to retirement!"

She confessed to having mixed emotions about leaving a career that has brought her so much happiness and professional satisfaction, but she said, "it's the right time, it's time to let a new person come forward in a new way."

Bowman graduated from Bridgewater State University in 1971 and earned a Master's Degree in Education and Early Childhood Education in 1991. She also received a Certificate for Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Leadership in 1996. She was the principal of Old Hammondtown School from 1998 to 2008 and Center School from 2008 to 2014, later becoming coprincipal for both schools along with Kevin Tavares. Before coming to Mattapoisett, Bowman taught K-3 for more than nine years in New Bedford at the Hathaway Elementary School.

When asked how education has changed since she entered the field, Bowman said, "In 1971 it changed, our focus changed." She said that, whereas early teaching methods were primarily by rote instruction with the teacher doing all the talking and the children merely listening, new concepts that allowed the student to more fully participate, exchanging ideas including creative problem solving, were being developed.

"We now support the whole child to achieve their best potential … teach them how to think," Bowman said. "The world is always changing, we have to work together, the children need to learn how to be collaborative, and we want them to become lifelong learners."

"There are new careers emerging all the time, children have to be able to work with other people, listen to input from others and share ideas."

Bowman said that in her long career she has felt privileged to be part of hundreds of children's lives. While she said she enjoyed being in the classroom, she believed her true calling was in administration where she would be able to impact the education of children and also work with teachers in an ever-changing landscape

On the Cover: *Rose Bowman, seen on Monday outside Center School, is retiring as principal of Mattapoisett Schools at the end of this academic year. Bowman's career dates back to 1971 when she began teaching at the Hathaway School in New Bedford. She has been serving in the Old Rochester Regional School District over 30 years and says that education has evolved so that children are consumed less with rote instruction and now are learning how to think through creative problem-solving. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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both inside the classrooms and in the world. Bowman said that some of her former students do stand out in her mind but said that all hold a place in her heart.

But what about the kids? What did the children see, how did they feel about "Mrs. Bowman?" We were able to catch up with one former student whose life was touched by his third-grade teacher.

Steve Pemberton wasn't always known by that name. He was once a small boy coping with being a foster child and all that such an upbringing too often entails. But for Pemberton there was school and there was Mrs. Bowman, his third-grade teacher at Hathaway Elementary School.

"She was someone who was very caring, kind, patient and understanding. She always had a warm smile, and you got the feeling she was genuinely glad to see you," recalls Pemberton, now an internationally respected motivational speaker and author. "I was in a very turbulent foster home, for my safety I couldn't confide in anyone, but in class that was a different world. She helped me understand that there were still kind and caring people in the world."

Pemberton said his love of reading was furthered in Bowman's class and he added, "All children need to be affirmed, and she did that by celebrating my love of reading … it fueled my passion and to this day her encouragement remains one of my fondest memories."

The two have reconnected in recent years when Pemberton was invited to speak to the students at Center School.

At first Bowman was hesitant to grant permission for a class to host Pemberton as a guest speaker. She said she didn't know anything about him or how his talk could benefit the students, but after receiving a copy of one of his books, Bowman recognized the accomplished author as that little boy in New Bedford who had been in her class. She has since written a few words in the forward of one of Pemberton's publications affirming, once again, his value.

"I often share the story of how I came to be reconnected to her later on in life because I wanted her to know and anyone who teaches young children that their

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work and their impact is immeasurable," said Pemberton.

Ever cognizant of teachers' daily impact on the lives of children, Bowman still feels humbled when recognized in the larger community. "There is no greater compliment then when someone stops to say hello – that means the world to me," she said.

"I can't tell you how many times I have heard from parents that 'I live in Mattapoisett to make sure my children can go to school under Principal Bowman's leadership' or how many times parents have told me they moved to Mattapoisett specifically because of Principal Bowman's reputation and the success of the schools that she had led for many, many years. These are the types of compliments all educational leaders hope to get," said ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson. "Rose has truly been a staple in the Mattapoisett community for so many decades. Her leadership has allowed parents to know that their children are safe, cared about deeply, and learning at a very high level."

Her administrative role took her out of the classroom but at the same time gave her the opportunity

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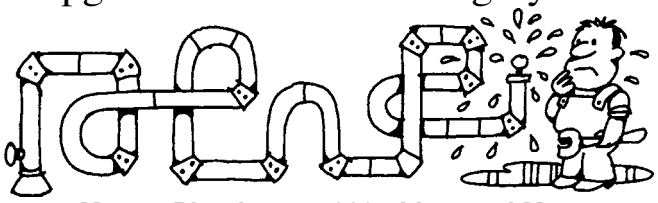
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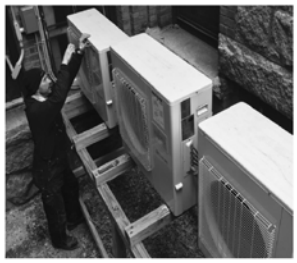

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to work with staff and with families focusing on the student as a unique individual. "Being a principal is a most treasured position," Bowman said. "This is what I was meant to do."

"Principal Bowman's leadership is rooted in listening to others, speaking the truth to those she serves and always anchoring her decision-making on what is best for children. She is quick to tell you that the success she has experienced is a credit to the amazing teachers and the staff members who are in the classrooms day-in and day-out," said Nelson. "Hearing Principal Bowman's voice greet our incoming students and families have been a rite of passage for many generations of Mattapoisett families, and we are going to miss her being in our schools very much. I am confident that the excellent educational experiences that Mattapoisett students have received under her watch will continue, knowing the exceptional culture she has built over her long and successful educational career at Center School and Old Hammondtown School."

In true style, Bowman deflects credit to the ORR District administration, teachers and other administrators she has worked shoulder-to-shoulder with, saying of that experience, "I have never felt alone."

The lessons that she has taught, the exchanges with so many little children over five decades have left footprints in many hearts as well as Bowman's. But the biggest lesson she has learned from the children is this, "Celebrate the moment. Don't worry about what happened before or what is ahead. Children celebrate the moment and the people they are with now – that's the great lesson I've learned."

"I've been so fortunate to share my life with thousands of children," Bowman quietly concluded. "I've learned from them every day. I wouldn't change a thing."

Rochester Donating a Mean Machine

By Mick Colageo

The magnificent, 3,000-gallon tanker truck soon to be shipped from the Rochester Fire Department to the tornado-ravaged community of Cayce, Kentucky, has been a gem of a piece of equipment for many years

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That's exactly what Cayce needs in the wake of the December 10 tornado that ripped through the rural southwestern Kentucky town of 119 people, flattening buildings, including its fire department only a couple of miles from the Mississippi River.

"I live 2 miles from the station, and I watched it walk right across my station," said Cayce Fire Chief Wayne Adams. "When I topped the hill and (I) could see the station it was a pile of rubble."

An email went out from the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and Rochester Fire Chief Scott Weigel knew Cayce's answer was waiting for the right moment the past 18 months.

"When I saw the email from Mike (Winn) at FCAM, I immediately knew that we had the means to be able to assist in fulfilling what was a pretty tall order," said Weigel in a statement about the event. "I knew that I had the support from my department and all I needed was the authorization from the Town Select Board to release the truck into surplus and then prepare it for transport to Cayce, KY."

An emergency meeting of the Rochester Select Board was called, the vote was taken and preparations

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immediately commenced to make the surplus vehicle ready for transport.

Weigel reported that members of the Rochester Fire Department spent the evening of the Select Board meeting cleaning and preparing the truck for delivery, and the Rochester Highway Department made needed repairs in what has been a group effort.

"We are overjoyed to be able to assist our brothers and sisters in Kentucky. God knows they have had it rough, and their road ahead will be a tough one. If our donation can help give them a jump start, then that's what we want to be a part of," said Weigel.

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"This is not the first time that we have donated spare surplus apparatus to other agencies in need," said Weigel, noting that Rochester donated a surplus 1992 Horton Ambulance to the Town of Northfield EMS in 2013. "They suffered an accident with their only ambulance, and they did not have the budget to purchase one and were using borrowed spare ambulances from surrounding communities."

While details were still being worked out with Middleboro-based RYCO Excavation, which has volunteered to transport the tanker truck to Kentucky at no charge, the National Guard has also expressed interest in helping make sure the tanker truck makes it to Cayce.

Fieldstone Lane Solutions Closer

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Fieldstone Lane residents who complained during the Zoning Board of Appeals' December 23 public meeting about their predicament in the wake of developer Ken Steen's requirement that they establish a homeowners' association by January 1, 2022 in order to avoid a breach of contract were heard on Tuesday night by the Marion Select Board.

With 10 days minus two holiday weekends to organize a response, Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail met with Steen and Town Counsel Jon Witten on January 4 and reported during the Select Board's Tuesday night meeting that Steen said he would continue plowing the road until the transition is complete.

That news was meant to bring relief to the disgruntled homeowners on the private way, but the message also compounded the homeowners' frustration as it was learned that they had entered into a contractual agreement with another road-plowing service.

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communication from Steen. The resultant expense, according to Shawn Badgley, 13 Fieldstone Lane, is a monthly bill of hundreds of dollars. Some of the Fieldstone Lane residents are in 40B affordable housing, further indication that budgets will be stretched.

"We're in the red for potentially thousands upon thousands of dollars," said Badgley, who once again asserted in a public meeting that Steen had indicated that the town would take over Fieldstone Way as "a matter of when, not if."

Since then, the homeowners have learned that the town is against making Fieldstone Lane a public road. To that end, Department of Public Works Director Nathaniel Munafo attended Tuesday's meeting to explain the town's position.

Munafo referenced more than 10 waivers, some of which he considers significant, that allowed road construction against the town's recommendation. The waivers included a right of way reduced from 50 to 40 feet, streetlights that are too close to the roadway, the hammerhead design and dramatic roadway drop-off after the paved surface ends.

McGrail also cleared up a misconception over the town's vetting of the project, noting its 40B (affordable housing) status and the waivers granted the project by the state against Marion's wishes.

"Marion went to court to fight this whole process ... (the waivers) were forced on us after 10 years of litigation ... ultimately approved through Housing Court. These are not waivers that we give out, but because of the 40B status we lost," explained McGrail. "You guys are definitely a big part of our community, and our job is to help our residents. ... But we want to make sure that we're clear and up- front with our concerns."

The process of making Fieldstone Lane a public

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way, McGrail instructed is via a citizens' petition, then a presentation and vote at Spring Town Meeting. It is not in McGrail's or the Select Board's purview to declare any private road a public way.

Select Board member John Waterman suggested McGrail ask Steen to pay the bill associated with the new snowplowing contract that HOA treasurer Wendy Slabodnick said cannot be canceled.

"We're asking Steen and asking the town to work together to provide some clarity to perhaps avoid some litigation," said Badgley adding, "we did everything to hold up to our end of the deal so we're asking the same of Steen."

McGrail said that there is approximately $20,000 remaining in the maintenance bond earmarked for the planting of trees and streetlight repair. He reported that Steen indicated in Tuesday's earlier meeting with McGrail and Witten that he would complete those repairs by April.

McGrail said he would provide Badgley with the town's list of concerns and the requirements of street acceptance.

In a 6:15 pm appointment, Department of Public Works engineer Meghan Davis updated the Select Board on Marion's Hazard Mitigation Plan, announcing that the plan was finalized and submitted to MEMA and FEMA in December. The final step, said Davis, is the Select Board's signing of the Certificate of Adoption.

The board voted its approval of the Hazard

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Mitigation Plan.

What former Town Planner Gil Hilario started in procuring the grant to get the ball rolling with the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan before leaving to work for North Attleboro, Davis finished.

"Meghan took the ball and hit a home run with it," said McGrail, alluding to two public forums and a successful consultation with the Woods Hole Group. "I'm really happy with the work they did." McGrail said the work was completed in time for Marion to apply for the FEMA-sponsored, competitive Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant.

Being a public hearing, John Brown, 7 Shawondasse Road, spoke critically of how the Board of Assessors recently designated formerly unbuildable lots in flood plains and velocity zones as potentially buildable. "I think it's a colossal waste of energy and goodwill," said Brown, who added a plea to the town's boards to work together and adhere to existing regulations. He strongly urged the town against any new buildings or sewer hookups in flood plains and velocity zones.

The Select Board offered no rebuttal to Brown's presentation of facts, but Hills said, "We're trying to work together. ... Unfortunately, some of the bylaws we have are contradictory." Hills further noted that, as part of the Bylaw Codification Committee, some of the changes the town needs to make are "darn hard."

Waterman noted that the assessors are independently elected. "We have no control," he said.

In his Town Administrator's Report, McGrail told the Select Board that Marion is in "mid-swing" of the FY23 budget and capital-request season. Most department heads have submitted budgets, he said, waiting on the Police Department and public schools.

The plan, said McGrail, is to submit a FY23 budget to the Finance Committee and the Select Board by January 26, the night that FinCom next meets. He identified schools as "the big budget item before we know where we are."

McGrail said he would have the Sippican School budget by the end of this week. While Old Rochester Regional School District budget hearings will be held in February, McGrail said that ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson would have a placeholder by the end of January. The ORR placeholder, he said, has a history of reliability.

As for capital planning, the CIPC is nearing the end of its cycle and was scheduled to meet on Wednesday night for the DPW's final installment, the sewer budget. The committee will then score all capital projects and submit a recommendation to the Select Board this month.

McGrail says that Marion has free cash but does not want to spend it all on capital projects. A meeting with Finance Director Judy Mooney will be the basis of a decision on where to draw the line with free cash.

McGrail told the board that Building Commissioner Scott Shippey has resigned effective

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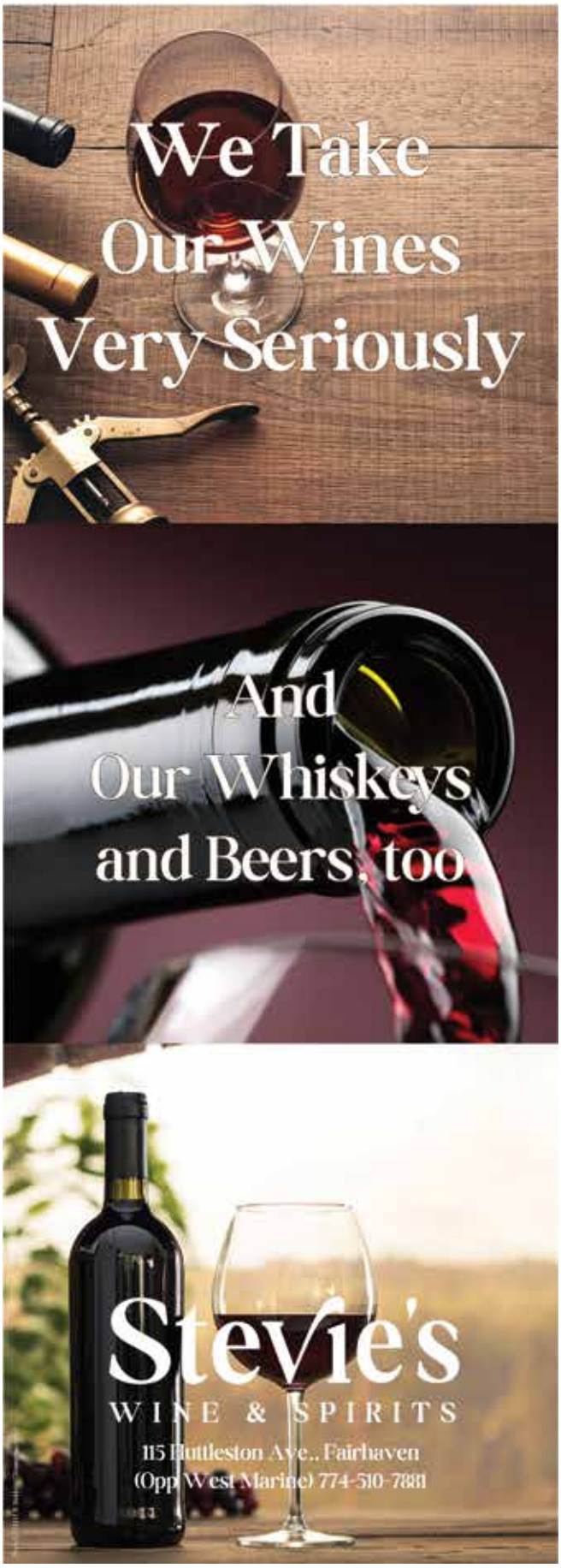


January 14 to take on the same role in Foxborough. A 22-year employee, Shippey was a big help to the Bylaw Codification Committee, according to Hills. Resumes for the job are due in mid-January, but McGrail said a good candidate after the cutoff date would garner consideration. McGrail, Mooney and Select Board member Randy Parker will form the screening group.

In other business, the Select Board voted to approve the agreement with Plymouth County to administer the ARPA federal reimbursement program. McGrail said Marion has five years to spend close to $2,000,000 in ARPA funds.

The Select Board also voted to approve a storm-drain connection at 36 Main Street. Davis reported a revision to stipulate 6- inch pipe and a check valve upstream.

The following water/sewer commitments were also approved: final readings of $3,785.04 (December 8, 2021) and $407.87 (December 20, 2021,) quarterly billing of $1,243.60 (December 13, 2021,) $1,274,047.56 (December 14, 2021,) $10,748.82 (December 17, 2021,) and $81.97; and $280 for a sewer reconnection (December 22, 2021.)

The Marion Select Board will hold its quarterly meeting as water and sewer commissioners on Thursday, January 13, at 4:00 pm and will reconvene for its next regular Select Board meeting on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:00 pm.

Senior Center Closed until January 18

Rochester Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Rochester Select Board member Woody Hartley reported during Monday night's Select Board meeting that the Rochester Senior Center will be closed until January 18 due to the spike in COVID-19 cases.

"A lot of cases in Rochester right now. Most seniors have been vaccinated, but this spreads so quickly and easily," said Hartley, an active member at the Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

Under New Business, Select Board member Paul Ciaburri reported that the tri-towns were "left out" of a state distribution of COVID-19 test kits and that the state Department of Public Health and the governor are due to address the matter on Thursday, January 6.

In her Town Administrator's Report, Suzanne Szyndlar said that the process to begin negotiations with Old Rochester Regional School District employees is underway. Teachers' contracts expire on August 31.

Hartley noted that all three of the tri-towns' select boards have been represented by one selectman from each town so Marion and Mattapoisett have the same opportunity to do this.

Szyndlar told the board members that she received a note from ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson indicating that a representative from Marion will be approved, citing the fact that Rochester provided the

select board representative last time.

Rochester is in the process of establishing a community agreement with a new waste-management company Waste Connections US Holdings, Inc.

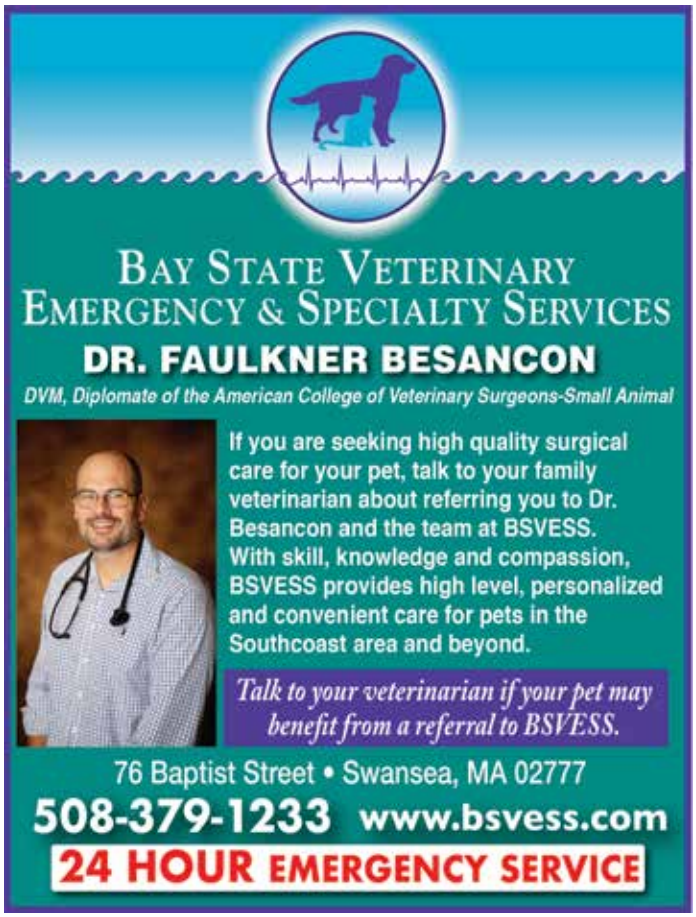
ORCTV recently delivered its official financial statement to the town, providing an inventory of equipment in an addendum for the purposes of its contract with the tri-towns.

The Select Board voted to approve Town Planner Nancy Durfee as Rochester's representative to the group that oversees the Assawompset Ponds Complex. Ciaburri, who had been representing the town up to this point, said Durfee is more qualified for the role and agreed to hand over the duties. The board voted its approval.

The process for participation in the state's Department of Public Utilities municipal aggregation plan is underway. Szyndlar told the board that when Rochester's compliance filings are approved, the town can then field a competitive bid.

Rochester will need to submit a signed form by April to take advantage of a recent bill allowing a zoning change to multifamily residential due to the town's proximity to the MBTA. Considered one of 175 MBTA communities, the affected areas in Rochester would be reclassified as middle density, allowing up to 15 units per acre. Rochester has 2,105 total residential units.

Szyndlar told the board that the town will need to define an overlay district. Failure to apply could cost the



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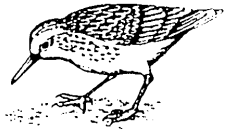

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town some of its currently held permits.

Select Board Chairman Brad Morse read a retirement citation in honor of Brian Ouellette, the retiring supervisor of maintenance and grounds at Rochester Memorial School.

The board entered executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with nonunion personnel and did not return to public session.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, January 24, at 6:00 pm.

No New Planner Yet

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Planning Board has been struggling to keep business flowing in the absence of a town planner or administrator.

Former Town Administrator Mike Gagne had been filling in for months after the departure of Mary Crain. Gagne, however, recently advised the town he would need to terminate his assistance having taken a position with the City of New Bedford. The position was posted and several candidates looked promising. An offer was made to an interested party, but that applicant subsequently withdrew.

During the January 3 board meeting, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said, "Part-time positions are tough." Part-time positions constitute 19.5 hours per week. Lorenco said, "The Select Board has talked about full or part-time positions a lot, but right now in the budget it's for part-time." He also added that the Select Board "…wants to be involved."

Planning Board member Janice Robbins expressed her desire to have a planner with relevant education and experience, especially regarding state rules and regulations. "Tough time to hire," said Lorenco. He said many municipal positions throughout the commonwealth are a "revolving door." He also offered the assistance of his office staff in the interim and assured the board that job postings would be placed in all available employment platforms.

The board spent time talking about the logistics and timing of public meetings and/or hearings for their long-awaited draft of a new solar bylaw. The draft itself, a document that Robbins took the lead on more than two years ago, has gone through several legal reviews, it was noted. The board is looking to hold at least one public meeting and one public hearing in March to receive public feedback. Posting of the meetings will be made two weeks prior to scheduled date. Once public discourse is completed, the bylaw would head to the Select Board and then on to the spring Town Meeting.

The board also discussed a new fee structure that would require new or updated fees for plan modifications, Approval Not Required (ANR) filings and other matters that require services of the Planning Board

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Earlier in the proceedings, the board approved a surety agreement with the Bay Club, represented by David Andrews, that would allow one lot to be released for sale and a final lot held along with cash in the amount of $465,000. The surety will be held until roadway construction is verified as being complete.

Continued to February 7 was a subdivision proposed at the end of Park Lane by property owners Andre Rieksts, Scott Atkinson and Margo Wilson-Atkinson. Represented by Douglas Schneider of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., the project would include adding a private extension to an existing public way and easements across former railroad holdings.

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Also continued to the February 7 meeting was an application for a roadway expansion of Nicky's Lane. The project is represented by Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, February 7, at 7:00 pm.

Design Review Up for Consideration

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

Eileen Marum came away from a state-sponsored, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative session eager to share the concept of design review as the work of a potential committee in Marion.

The mission of a design-review board would be to engage in "a process that municipalities can implement to improve the quality of structures," Marum told fellow members of the Marion Planning Board during their Monday night Zoom meeting. "Focus should be objectivity and not based on the taste of individual board members."

A big piece of the lesson in the CPTC program was the importance of objectivity over subjectivity in residential planning.

"It's a good idea to have the people that live in these (residential developments) get together on styles, what to promote and what is appealing. But be careful not to be subjective but to be objective," said Marum, summarizing her many notes from a session nearly two hours in length. "This is what the program was appealing to, the objectivity."

Planning Board member Alanna Nelson corroborated Marum's takeaway, referencing her own attendance in CPTC classes.

A design review committee would presumably consist of three or four members with diverse backgrounds such as architectural landscaping and historical preservation.

In order for such a committee to successfully influence the work of developers both residential and business, personal tastes must be put aside in favor of informed perspectives buttressed by education,

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experience and training. The committee should also be well-equipped with computer-generated graphics, aids and drawings, etc.

With three multifamily housing projects pitched and/or planned, the subject is certainly relevant to Marion. Duxbury and Wellesley both have design-and-review boards, and it was noted during Monday's meeting that Marion's town counsel, Jon Witten, lives in Duxbury and might be able to provide some insight.

Planning Board member Jon Henry asked Marum to what extent would a design-review board's judgments be binding. They would not be adjudicatory in that sense but rather offer "something to think about, something to consider," according to Marum.

Planning Board Chairman Will Saltonstall said he is skeptical of design and review at the residential scale. "As an architect who works on the other side of the table ... I just can't see a design-review board happening at a residential scale," he said. "I understand it in terms of economic development on a bigger scale, urban development. But on a suburban scale ..."

Marum clarified that a design-review committee is "not meant to police what someone can do on their property."

Planning Board member Chris Collings suggested relabeling such a committee "Residential-Architectural Catalog," explaining the value in making a large amount of information accessible. "Not everybody has (Will's)

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breadth of view. I always feel like our review is better when we have good ideas. Maybe if it was called a conceptual database."

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee told the board that he also attended some of the CPTC classes and could share the documents.

Among the many tidbits gleaned from the session, Marum touched on subjects such as the importance of regulating excessive differences or similarities in buildings such as a subdivision of rows of cookie-cutter homes. The conformity of surrounding buildings, relayed Marum, should not be community wide but restricted to neighborhoods, areas and districts.

A design-review committee would be mindful of visual continuity, making sure developers do not break laws, regulations or policies or obstruct existing views of town landmarks. Marion has a neighborhood of history in the Town House, Taber Library and Bicentennial Park, the latter of which Marum feels could be used more than it is.

Urban amenities were encouraged by the CPTC. For example, a pocket park with benches and a fountain would attract people and help form the basis for economic boost.

CPTC attendees were instructed that developers seek certainty, to know what planning boards are thinking and what they can do to achieve a development that addresses the interests of all stakeholders. A big part of that is applicability (i.e. whether a particular building integrates well with its neighborhood.)

Asked for comments by the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board had many questions about the application of Jay Flanagan for a variance to construct a covered entry to his house at 26 West Avenue.

Noting that the house is on a separate lot but that the plans do not show where, Planning Board member Norm Hills said he cannot tell if it's a non-conforming building. "Not enough information," he said.

The plans also lacked critical information on the location of the septic system in an environmentally sensitive area. Noting that the Board of Health sent a letter denying permission, Hills said the application is incomplete and the plans inadequate.

After discussing the matter, the members voted that the board would send back to the ZBA a letter recommending no further action is taken on this case until information is obtained, including a better understanding of the lot location, its setbacks and understanding the Board of Health statement on the property records card.

Citing a conflict of interest, Saltonstall recused himself from comments requested of the board on the application of Terrence and Kym Lee to the ZBA for a special permit allowing construction of an addition to an existing, non-conforming residence at 43 Holmes Street. The Planning Board recommended the matter staying in the purview of the ZBA, which will hear the case on Thursday, January 13.

Guey-Lee reported, in response to the Planning

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Board's request to Witten for comment on 313 Wareham Road, that he was advised the matter should remain under ZBA purview.

The town hired a consultant to review recommended changes to Chapter 300 Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and those proposed changes that have been posted to the town's website, marionma.gov, were approved by a board vote on Monday night.

The board also discussed potential amendments to zoning laws, and Saltonstall is working on a floor-area ratio idea that he says he derived from a comment made by resident Barry Gaffey during the board's last meeting of 2021. Saltonstall thinks it's an interesting kind of scale and can be applied specific to the zoning areas.

"We don't want to hamper people's ability to do things on small lots," he said.

At Hills' suggestion, Nelson will send an email to board administrator Terri Santos with information she has gleaned from trainings and what she has learned from other towns.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 pm.

MBTA Receives Order of Conditions

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

It took months of preparation and hours of meetings and negotiations, but on January 4, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) received an Order of Conditions from the Rochester Conservation Commission for the construction of a secondary access roadway, a retaining wall and various utility upgrades for property located at 45 Kings Highway.

At a previous commission meeting, a draft order of conditions was drawn up. On this night, that document was reviewed in depth with comments offered by the town's peer-review consultant, Scott Turner of Environmental Partners.

The nearly hourlong meeting with members of the MBTA's engineering group including Jon Niro of the BETA Group included several items of concern for the commission, primarily around the proposed use of 6-inch drainage pipes. Commissioner Daniel Gagne questioned the appropriateness of piping he considered inadequate for a 100-year storm.

MBTA team members asserted that because of the shallow profile of the site due to the presence of existing railroad tracks, the smaller drainage pipes would be doubled up but not interfere with the existing transportation rails. Gagne was told that the MBTA uses three main documents for work on property that it owns. Those documents are the MassDOT Design Guidelines Manual, Massachusetts Storm Water Standards and DEP standards. It was also stated that these manuals reference a 10-year storm event versus a 100-year event.

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A Negative Determination of Applicability was granted to Industrial Tower and Wireless LLC for the construction of a 190-foot telecommunications tower located at 0 High Street.

Norene Hartley's request for a Certificate of Compliance for an Order of Conditions for the re-establishment of native plantings in jurisdictional areas of 90 Snows Pond Road was issued.

Continued until January 18 were a Certificate of Compliance requested by Michael Santos for property located at 8 Tihonet Road and a Certificate of Compliance requested by Andrew Diagiammo and Donald Look for property located at 15 Elizabeth Drive.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 pm.

Bike Path Gets an Update

Marion Pathways Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Pathways Committee met on December 22 via Zoom to provide members an update of the bike path that in collaboration with the South Coast Bikeway Alliance will continue from the paved portion at the Mattapoisett town line and continue east to Point Road.

In 2020, Marion submitted a 75-percent plan of its Shared Use Path to the MassDOT. In contrast to the 25-percent design plan and the 100 percent completed plan that has secured all permits, a 75 percent plan is, according to John Rockwell, "almost done" yet still a plan that the DOT sends back and enacts a Conflict/Resolution meeting.

"Basically, you say, 'Okay.' They're in the driver's seat," explained Rockwell.

Three basic issues remain at the 75-percent point: Washburn Lane, Washburn Park Road and drainage at the influx of Baldwin Brothers and Brew Fish Restaurant.

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According to Rockwell, the DOT does not like to have cars on the same path as bikes and pedestrians. That comes into play for a 200-foot stretch where a steep decline is near the baseball field. The DOT suggested a retaining wall for that stretch, which Rockwell said is a good idea.

To that end, he shared to the Zoom meeting images of areas of the course on his computer screen and color-coded them so that red lines showing the original

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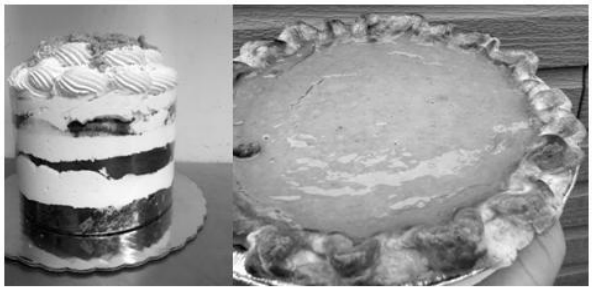
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plan are superseded in areas marked by green lines.

Closer to Washburn Park, there is another 200-foot stretch where the original plan was to dig up the road and wind up in a shared-use situation. The revision is a much less wide path that will not be shared with cars. Rockwell playfully called Washburn Lane "Marion's only divided highway."

The path snakes across Front Street and through the Brew Fish parking lot, Baldwin Brothers and the property owned by developer Sherman Briggs, but it will require some engineering to solve drainage concerns.

In December, Rockwell held a site visit to that area with Mattapoisett-based Field Engineering, which is designing the path's drainage. Realigning the path direction is another area of engineering.

The next step is an easement plan and a dedication for bike-path purposes. "So we have to know exactly where this thing is going to go - survey-quality work," said Rockwell.

Federal funding complicates the matter of easements. "The appraisal costs more than the value of the easements," explained Rockwell. "Some of them are very simple and some of them aren't."

Rockwell estimates that 99.8 percent of the route is on town property, but a small piece of the pathway is on Jon Henry's property so that also requires an easement. Henry, a former Marion selectman, currently serves on the Planning Board.

The pathway also cuts through property owned by Todd Zell and Baldwin Brothers.

Rockwell said that the affected property owners have been in the loop for four years, and there has been no discernible pushback. Actions required to secure the four or five easements take four months, according to Rockwell.

Select Board member John Waterman suggested finding a local attorney to do the legwork on property titles because KP Law has been backed up of late, but Rockwell said the town's go-to legal counsel has been in the loop.

The majority that lies within town property still needs a dedication of usage which is a vote taken at Town Meeting.

"This thing has gone on longer than I expected," said Rockwell, who says that the concept of a bikeway goes back to a 1973 Conservation Commission meeting.

February 6, 2023 is targeted as a start date for construction of the Marion stretch.

Some of the engineering challenge, said Rockwell, has been the working within the flat framework of a railroad bed while at the same time trying to achieve inclines and declines that are prescribed highway design to avoid puddles.

Jeff Oakes confirmed that the bike path had a "friends of" group 20 years ago, and there is still $500 in its account held by the town.

Oakes reported that the effort to petition the MassDOT to move Marion's bike path up from FY24 to FY23 was successful. "It would have been a year later had we not taken up that letter-writing campaign," said Oakes, who contributes to the South Coast Bikeway Alliance website.

His diplomacy work has resulted in significant fundraising, $5,000 of which has been dedicated toward Phase 2 of Marion's path that will connect from Point Road to the Wareham section.

The membership agreed to reconvene in June, but no date was set.

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ORR Girls Ground Wareham

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

The Old Rochester Regional High School's girls' basketball team bounced back from its first loss of the season on December 28 when they defeated Wareham, 56-4, in a dominant performance. Maddie Wright led the Bulldogs scoring 16 points with 4 steals. Sydnee Pires contributed 6 points and 5 rebounds. Maggie Brogioli added an additional 4 points with 4 steals.

The ORR defense proved to be too big of a hurdle for Wareham to overcome, holding the Vikings to a single three-point field goal. The one-sided contest contrasted greatly from the Lady Bulldogs' prior game, a 60-41 loss against Dartmouth on December 21. Their first game of the New Year will come at home against Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, January 7, at 6:30 pm.

The boys' team also faced Wareham on December 28 but had a much different result. After defeating the Vikings in their first game of the season, the Bulldogs found themselves on the wrong end of a 67-52 result. Wareham was firmly in control for the entirety of the game, with the Vikings' lead getting as big as 21 points at one point. The Bulldogs were able to close the gap at some points, getting as close as 9 points away in the third quarter, only for the Vikings to come back strong.

Braden Yeomans scored 16 points for ORR, Steve Morrell scored 12, and Sawyer Fox added 9 points. The Bulldogs hosted Fairhaven on Tuesday and will visit Dighton-Rehoboth on Friday, January 7, at 6:30 pm.

Girls Hockey

The ORR girls' hockey team played two games last week, first losing 7-1 against Bishop Stang on December 27 at Hetland Memorial Arena. ORR's lone goal was scored by **Heather Lapworth** in the first period. The Bulldogs then took an 8-2 loss against the Plymouth North/South coop team at Armstrong Arena. They faced Nantucket on Wednesday and will visit Stoughton on Saturday, January 8, at Canton Ice House.

Boys Hockey

ORR's boys' hockey team competed in the Dartmouth Holiday tournament at Hetland Memorial Arena, missing a shot at the championship game by a goal. The Bulldogs fell 5-4 to Foxboro on December 28 and lost a 6-1 game for third place against the host Indians. ORR's next game comes on Saturday, January 8, against Bourne at 8:15 pm at Gallo Ice Arena.

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Tri-Town Against Racism

As we start the New Year, it is important that we move into forward progress for the safety, health and well-being of our Tri-Town region. 2021 ended with the vandalism of the Little Free Diverse Library on Ned's Point. This disheartening experience shows the need for folks to engage locally in conversations about how we can collectively do better. Tri-Town Against Racism is looking to start where we live by inviting community members to learn more about local efforts and how to get involved by hosting a Virtual Town Hall Meeting. This event will occur via Zoom on Tuesday **January 11** at 7pm. Registration is required and community members are encouraged to provide questions about diversity, inclusion, allyship and how to be a part of the change. The registration link is: us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsce2rrD0oE9E2l38CjVsOqXlGonqFRIyP.

For more information, follow Tri-Town Against Racism on Facebook.

Plymouth County Genealogists, Inc.

Plymouth County Genealogists, Inc. (PCGI,) announces the guest speaker for their January meeting and gathering on Saturday, **January 8**, at 11:30 am via Zoom. There will not be an in-person gathering in January due to Covid concerns.

PCGI welcomes Janis Duffy who is a Past President of TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association.) She has led many tours to Ireland and Salt Lake City with TIARA. She worked for 18 years at the Massachusetts State Archives. She has been researching her ancestors ever since her retirement in 2017.

Janis Duffy will be discussing the Passenger Lists for the Port of Boston 1848-1891. She will be sharing examples of stories that are on the manifests that will help you put flesh on the bones of your ancestors.

Registration can be completed on the events page on their website: www.plymouthcountygenealogists.org/event. After registration is complete, the event link will be sent to you via email. A $5 donation for nonmembers is encouraged to help defray the cost of the lecture. Thank you for your support!

PCGI members typically gather on the first Saturday of every month to discuss genealogy and listen to an educational speaker. Membership includes access to the holdings of the PCGI library which are stored at the

East Bridgewater Public Library. Those holdings include, but are not limited to, genealogical handbooks, member pedigree charts, maps and videos. As a member, you will also receive our email newsletter The Genealogical Inquirer, free research help, members only access to pages on our website and more.

Membership fees are $25 and help defray the cost of monthly lectures. Membership applications can be completed at the meetings or by visiting their website: www.plymouthcountygenealogists.org

Plymouth County Genealogists, Inc. was founded in 1975 as part of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists; formerly known as the Plymouth County Chapter. PCGI is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the study of genealogical research.

PCGI assists the public in genealogical standards and best practices, educates its members with lectures and builds social connections between people residing in Plymouth County, Massachusetts and beyond. They collaborate with area libraries and make available the tools and guidance needed for all who need help with their genealogical research.

Mattapoisett Library Climate Discussion

Mattapoisett Free Public Library is hosting a discussion of Regeneration: *Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation* by Paul Hawken. Climate change is an important and timely issue across the globe, and communities everywhere are mobilizing citizen action groups and local committees to respond to the crisis. Coastal communities, such as Mattapoisett, are at increased risk for erosion and tidal flooding due to the effects of climate change. Join us for a discussion of Paul Hawken's latest call to action, Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation and get the conversation started about how our community can get to "net zero." We will meet at the library, 7 Barstow St. and via Zoom on Saturday, **January 8** at 2 pm to discuss the sections on Food and Industry. Participants will also contribute to the creation of a list of actions for Mattapoisett citizens to take in living a more sustainable lifestyle.

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The Library now has Terracycle boxes to help our community recycle items that cannot go into the trash or are difficult to recycle. We are starting with ink cartridges and power cords/power strips. Bring these items to the library to put into the Terracycle box and when the box is full, Terracycle will send us a label to ship it for

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recycling. We will get more boxes each month for more types of household items with grant funding to help the community reduce the amount of waste going to the transfer station.

Register on the library's calendar of events to attend in person or get the Zoom link to participate virtually. Mask wearing is strongly recommended if attending the program in person. Contact Jennifer Jones at jjones@sailsinc.org if you have any questions about the book or the discussion.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Looking through the memoirs of Abraham Holmes, born in 1754, he mentions various relatives and other Rochester residents who lived into their 80's and 90's, but they are greatly outnumbered by the many who "died young, " often in early childhood. He mentions people who died by drowning, in war, in house fires, from exploding guns and other violent causes, but also those who died of diseases that we probably know by other names. Throat distemper, canker or cancer and pleurisy are mentioned often. He also refers to those who died during "the times of the Epidemic Fever" which unfortunately reminds me too much of the present.

As we begin a third year of dealing with Covid 19, I believe that this pandemic will take up a lot of space in future history texts.

History is, of course, merely a story of people's lives and what we do today will be the history studied by our great grandchildren and those who come after them. While wars, treaties and court decisions are important to history, I find the daily lives of people and the way public events affect them more interesting.

There have been and will continue to be many stories that come from the pandemic and its effect on our lives -- some horrible, others perhaps more positive, so once again I'm requesting material to add to our files at the Historic Society. This time I'd like to read about a change you've made or an activity you've added to your life. An example would be: I did my first jigsaw puzzles at home. Reports of these seemingly small changes are what add depth to the history we're creating.

You can send a picture, a word, a phrase or a paragraph to me at eshbach2@aol.com or to Rochester Historical Society, P.O. Box 322, Rochester 02770 or drop it off with Lorraine or Carol Hardy at the COA (when it reopens.) One result of the pandemic that we've all seen is our need to communicate through signs and flags adorning our yards. They celebrate accomplishments and express viewpoints and feelings. While there are fewer of them these days, I think we'll continue for some time expressing our emotions through signs on our lawns and hearts on our trees.

The Catholic Church Wants Your Opinions

The Catholic Church worldwide is undertaking a "fact finding mission" to the extent that has never happened before. This project starts in Rome with the Pope and extends down right to St. Mary's in Fairhaven. The Catholic Church hierarchy is very interested in what Catholics around the world are thinking about their Church.

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9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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Saturday January 8, 2022
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
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9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
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1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
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10:30 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Library - Rare Books
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
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Tuesday January 11, 2022
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7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
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9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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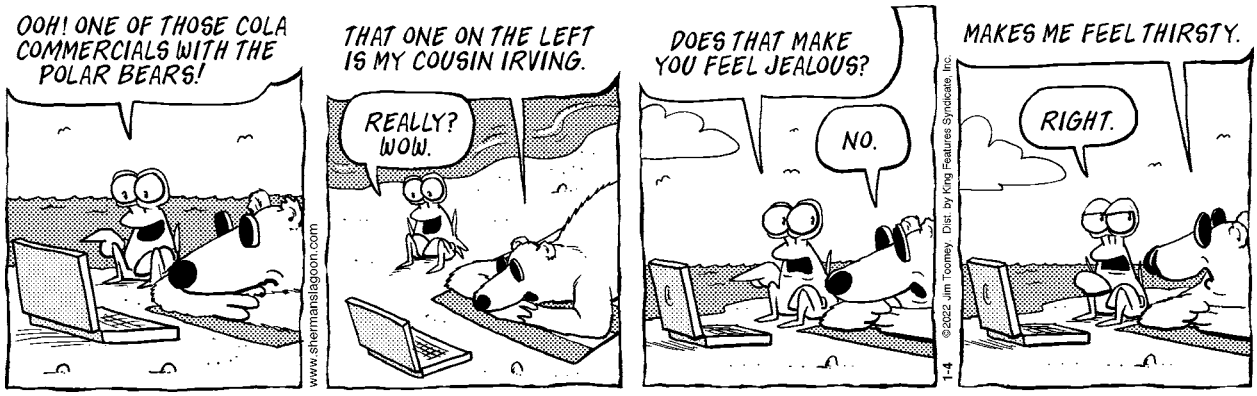

positive ideas and suggestions.

Over the past years, the attendance at Catholic churches has been declining, and with the Pandemic, the attendance in many Churches has been cut in half. The Church scandals have had an effect, the Catholic population is aging, some Catholic churches have closed, and of course, the Pandemic have forced families to stay away from in-person masses for over a year. When people get in the habit of not going, it can be a challenge to get them to change their new habits.

On a positive note, although attendance at weekly Catholic Mass has declined, the registration at Catholic Private Schools has been growing over the recent years, especially during the Pandemic. In Fairhaven, New Bedford, Acushnet, Dartmouth and Fall River, there are 10 elementary schools and 2 Catholic high schools.

The Catholic Church also operates Catholic Charities and nursing homes. But the School System and the Charity work are different from the benefits Parishioners get from weekly Mass and Parish Activity.

The main focus on this "fact-finding" process is to focus on the issue of weekly Mass attendance and local Parish participation by the parishioners themselves.

The goal of the process is to make each parish in the U.S. and here in the south coast the best it can be for our current parishioners and to make the Church as welcoming as possible to any new parishioners. The time involved for you would be one meeting, a couple of hours. Your part is not an ongoing process.

The official name for this worldwide "fact finding" process is a Synod. This type of meeting for discussions and input is generally held at the senior levels of the Church hierarchy, but now for the first time the process is being implemented at the local level.

It will be refreshing to hear firsthand what all Catholics, participating or not, are thinking about parish life in their Church. The discussions will be a judgment-free zone where all ideas are open for discussion.

It is important that everyone involved in the Church now, or those who are thinking about the Church, will have an avenue where their individual thoughts,

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Laura T. Rusinoski 96 of Mattapoisett and Rochester passed away peacefully at Newton-Wellesley Hospital on December 19, 2021. Laura was the wife of the late Alexander K. Rusinoski. She was born and raised in New Bedford, she was one of 6 children of Portuguese immigrants Joaquim and Aurora (Gomes) Teixeira. Laura spoke only Portuguese as a young child and was multi Lingual her entire life.

She grew up on Deane Street in the North End of New Bedford where she had many Polish and French friends, her love of music and dancing brought her to the Polish Veterans Club where she met her future husband Alexander. Once married she lived in Fairhaven before building a home in Mattapoisett and there she resided until the last three years of her life when she moved to Rochester to live with her daughter Kathy.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

Laura worked at Mass Shirt in New Bedford for 18 years, when her daughter started school, she began working in Mattapoisett Center School's Cafeteria where she happily remained "A Lunch Lady" for 25 years until she retired in 1993 to care for her ailing husband.

Laura was a woman of many talents and interests…. she loved clothes, style and especially Jewelry. She took great pride in her appearance and was always dressed to the nines! She was a remarkable seamstress, she also enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She grew strawberries and sold them as well as baking incredible desserts, pies and pastries and made jams with the bounty of her large garden. As the wife of a fisherman she could fillet a fish, shuck scallops and would spend hours pulling the meat out of lobsters and crabs that were caught that day. She was an amazing chef on an old fashioned wood stove making pancakes with her husband every Sunday morning while listening to Polish Happy Time on the radio….when the pancakes were ready it was time to head upstairs to eat and dance some Polka's in the kitchen.

Music and dancing was an integral part of Laura's life, she and her husband attended many Polish Picnics and Polka dances. Even though Laura was Portuguese she was very involved with the Polish Community and was a member of the Polish Veterans club where she and her husband would march in the Polish Section of the Feast Parade. She volunteered at OLPH Polish Church in her later years helping at Grandma's table and joining the Monday "Pierogi Pinching" crew. Here she made many new friends and also tried her hand at learning to speak Polish which she found to be a challenge, she visited Poland with a group in the 80's. Laura loved to travel and enjoyed many Caribbean Cruises and trips to Canada and other U.S. destinations. She also travelled to Portugal two times to visit the village in Tras O Monte's where her family originated from this was a lifelong desire that she was so happy to fulfill.

Laura made friends wherever she went due to her gentle caring personality, always willing to volunteer her time and always with kind words for all. She was a gentle soul who contributed a lot and asked for little.

She is survived by her daughter Kathy Ann and her friend Russell J. Mello of Rochester and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Mario Teixeira, Ida Gomez, Elsie Rego, Antone Teixeira and Armand Teixeira.

Her Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, December 30th at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Her burial was private at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne where she will join her husband Alexander for eternity.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mercy Ships.org www.southcoastchapel.com

Walter 'Wally' Henry Trumbull passed away in his home in Santa Monica surrounded by his family on December 11, 2021 at the age of 96. We are all so grateful to have had so much time with him and for his generous and positive spirit. He was born in Boston and grew up in Weston, MA, and returned regularly to the East Coast to visit. He loved family and friends deeply and his favorite places: Santa Monica, Marion, Mattapoisett, Mountain Lake, Maui, Rosarito Beach, Pietrasanta, and Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc. It was a challenge keeping up with him! He always had a trip planned and someone to see.

He was passionate about the company/ies he started and ran for over fifty-seven years, Electro-Mech Components and Switch-Luz. They were his beloved other family. Wally leaves a legacy to the 'maquiladora' sector as one of the forerunners of the export industry in Mexico.

An athlete as a young man, he played football and ice hockey for Middlesex and Harvard, and later ice hockey for the University of Geneva. He was a good tennis player and taught all his children the game. He remained fit until he died: "onwards and upwards." He was inducted into the Middlesex Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

Wally entered Harvard University in 1942. His studies were interrupted by his time spent serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war, Wally returned to Harvard and completed his undergraduate degree in 1946.

After returning from Geneva he matriculated at the Harvard School of Business 1947-1949. Upon graduation, he worked for the Gillette Company in Boston in its razor blade division. It was during that time he visited Gillette manufacturing operations in Puerto Rico that he learned of the advan-

tages of offshore manufacturing that he would develop later on in Tijuana, Mexico.

Wally and Betsey had their three older children in Boston, then moved to Santa Monica in 1956 where the three younger children were born. They both later commented that it was a big move to California, but ultimately a wise move. Wally continued working at Gillette until the early 1960's then struck off on his own with several startups: Transformer Engineers, Pendar Company, and ultimately Electro-Mech and Switch-Luz.

His first wife Betsey predeceased him and he leaves six children: Lea Trumbull Ferris and her husband Bill and children Ben, Willea and Jojo and their families; Hope Trumbull Woodhead and her husband George and children Robert, Janet, Vern and Walt and their families; Margaret Trumbull Nash and her husband Michael; Robin Trumbull Tolan and her husband John and their children Liz, Jack and Maggie and their families; Terry Trumbull and his wife Valerie and their children Ginny and Hank; Coco Trumbull Mueller and her husband Kirk and their children Paige and Will, and their families. He has taught ten great-grandchildren how to play backgammon. He leaves his wife, Helen (Lenkie), and her children Leigh, Mac (deceased), Eliza (deceased), Don, Peter, and their families. He believed deeply in education and came from a long-line of educators. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Middlesex School in honor of Wally Trumbull '42 (1400 Lowell Road, Concord, MA 01742; https://www.mxschool.edu/alumni/make-a-gift/) Celebration(s) of Life will be scheduled both in California and Massachusetts at a later date.

James Michael McCarthy, Jr., 74, of Mattapoisett died peacefully at home on December 20, 2021 following a hard-fought battle against pancreatic cancer.

Born at St. Luke's Hospital on February 25, 1947, Jim spent much of his youth in Louisiana and Florida before returning to New Bedford in his high school years. He lived the rest of his life in the New Bedford area, which he loved for its history, people, culture, and connection to the sea. From 1976 until his death, Jim resided in Mattapoisett with his beloved wife Mary Louise (Griffith) in a home he built himself and where they lovingly raised their three sons Daniel Patrick, Michael Patrick, and James Michael III.

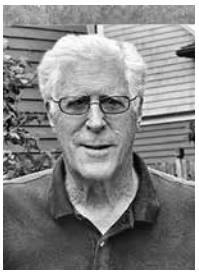
Generous and kind, Jim possessed a reserved demeanor that often belied his considerable talents. A skilled musician who helped put himself through college performing in a wedding band, Jim also achieved success as a freelance journalist and screenwriter. Later in life he took up portraiture and found great joy in the talented Deborah Macy's Tuesday night painting classes at Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech. Jim was always open to new experiences and challenges and he leaves his family with numerous cherished "dad" memories like the time he ran the Boston Marathon without telling anyone because he didn't want to make a fuss.

Jim gave freely of himself to his family and his community, and sought to support local artists, performers, and institutions whenever he could. He cherished the years he participated in the St. Anthony's Parish Choir and memories of the times in the early 1980's when he joined other parents to help grow Mariner Youth Soccer. He believed – despite considerable evidence to the contrary – that he had perfected the design of the ideal Mattapoisett River Race boat.

A graduate of New Bedford High School, Jim secured a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Institute (UMass-Dartmouth) in 1968 and soon thereafter found himself with the opportunity of a lifetime working as a young engineer on the lunar module. Following that exhilarating experience Jim secured a Master's degree in journalism from Boston University and took a position working on submarines with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, Rhode Island where he would make significant contributions for the next 31 years and forge deep and lasting friendships.

Predeceased by his father James McCarthy, Sr. and mother Rose (Walsh) McCarthy, Jim is survived by a sister Maureen of Mattapoisett in addition to his wife and partner of 52 years Mary Louise; his sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Charis McCarthy of Raynham, MA, Mike and Holly McCarthy of Great Falls, VA, and Jay and Chelsey McCarthy of Weston, WV; and his three beautiful granddaughters Quinn, Eleanor, and Josephine.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday December 31, 2021 at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Visitation was held on Thursday December 30, 2021 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd, Route 6, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Gifts to Give, www.giftstogive.org, 1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet, MA 02743. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



John Clark "Jack" Wheatley passed away on December 25, 2021 at the age of 87, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 23, 1934 in Boston, MA the son of the late John Reginald and the late Alma (Clark) Wheatley.

He graduated from Thayer Academy in 1952 and was the President of his Senior Class.

He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1956 as a Music Major. While there, he sang in the Glee Club once performing for President Eisenhower at the

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White House.

He also earned a Varsity letter in track and field.

He received his Juris Doctor in 1959 from Northwestern University Law School and passed the Massachusetts Bar in 1960.

After passing the Bar, he joined his father at the law firm of Keith, Reed & Wheatley in Brockton, MA. While there he also served as an Assistant District Attorney in Plymouth County serving under his father from 1961 to 1969.

He served as Chairman of the Planning Board in East Bridgewater MA for many years, was past President of the Brockton Kiwanis Club, and was also active in the Brockton YMCA and the Brockton Hospital. He was a past Chairman of the Fee Arbitration Board of the Massachusetts Bar.

In 1994, he was appointed by Governor William Weld as an Associate District Court Judge and served until 2004. He frequently sat in the Fall River and New Bedford district courts and other district courts in Southeastern Massachusetts. He also served as the Chief of the District Court Appellate Division for the Southeastern Region.

He was a skilled and prolific artist and had many art exhibits at the Providence Art Club. He also enjoyed beekeeping, gardening, was a member of several barbershop groups and was once a Professional Magician.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Priscilla (Lincoln) of Marion, MA, a daughter, Dawn S. Wheatley and her husband Bruce Schaller of Brooklyn, NY, a daughter Elizabeth Wheatley Reynolds and her husband Peter Reynolds of NY, NY and New Marlboro, MA, a son, William L. Wheatley of North Attleboro, MA and a son Nathaniel D. Wheatley of Plymouth, MA as well as eight grandchildren who live in MA, NY and CO.

He is also survived by a sister Betsey Woolf of Peabody, MA and a sister, Susan Carr and her husband Elliot of Brewster, MA.

There will be a memorial service at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion on January 7, 2021 at 10:30 am and the public is invited to attend. In addition, the service will be livestreamed and recorded. The link will be available on funeral home web site. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Gleason Family YMCA, 33 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA, would be appreciated. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For further information or to leave an online condolence, please visit saundersdwyer.com.

Charles M. "Chuck" Johnson, Jr., 52, passed away suddenly on December 27, 2021.

Chuck was an avid Jeeper, photographer, and the king of creating "Rube Goldberg" type tools from random items. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Due to COVID, a "celebration of life" will be postponed until the summer of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Chuck's name.

For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

Gladys M. (Rathfelder) Hartley, 100, died peacefully, Friday, December 24, 2021 at All American Assisted Living in Wareham, surrounded by her family.

Gladys, a resident of Rochester was born in Philadelphia on December 23, 1921 and raised in Drexel Hill, PA. She was the widow of J. Frazer Hartley who died in 1986. She is survived by her sons: James of Cape Canaveral, FL, Jonathan of Wareham and Joel of Marion; her daughters: Heidi Maitland of Kingston, Lori Wilson of Corvallis, OR and Sharon Sylvia of Rochester. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by one great grandchild.

A graduate of Upper Darby High School in Pennsylvania, she spent the war years working for NASP in Philadelphia and was a member of the Buck Ridge Ski Group, and the Outing Club of the YMCA. She spent a summer leading a bike group leaving from Massachusetts, riding around Gaspe, Canada via Montreal and Quebec.

Gladys and Frazer were wed in Pennsylvania in 1947. They travelled all over the USA, camping in National Parks with family. Gladys later travelled to many foreign countries with Frazer. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Rochester, and for over 50 years a member of Long Plain Baptist Church in Acushnet.

Her funeral service was held on Friday, Dec, 31, 2021 at First Congregational Church, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester. Relatives and friends were invited. Interment followed in Sherman Cemetery, Rochester. Visiting hours were omitted.

Donations in her memory may be made to Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

It is with great sadness that the family of **Florence Marie Dubois** of Dartmouth, announces her passing on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at the age of 63. She was the beloved daughter of Pauline (Hubert) Dubois and the late Joseph H. Dubois.

Affectionately known as Flo, she lived most of her life in Acushnet and Mattapoisett before moving to South Dartmouth. She graduated from New Bedford Vocational Regional School and worked as a waitress at the

ideas, feelings and impressions will be listened to and heard. This is a one-time meeting, a couple of hours, not an ongoing process.

And immediate changes or adjustments may be made at St. Mary's Fairhaven if there is consensus, and the suggestions are doable for the local Church.

To participate, please send your contact information to St. Mary's Fairhaven: stmarysfairhaven@comcast.net (508)992-7300 or text to (603)493-2512. Thank you for your consideration!

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

Mattapoisett Free Public Library 2021/2022 Artist Series: Ruth Fortier: Creative Explorations on January 15 to February 14. Local area resident Ruth A. Fortier was born and raised in the Berkshires and attended Berkshire Community College where she received an Associate's Degree in Fine Arts. Her focus was Art History and Calligraphy. Fortier then studied at Swain School of Design in New Bedford, receiving a BA in Sculpture. Fortier was honored in the Who's Who among College Students in 1984. Fortier has a broad artistic perspective and has created several series of paintings. Her work has been shown at various art exhibitions.

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Town of Marion will offer curbside Christmas tree collection during the week of **January 10** through **January 14**. All trees must be curbside by 7:00 am on the day of your regular rubbish collection. Please ensure rubbish containers are not blocked by leaving no less than 5 feet of clearance on each side. Marion residents

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Mattapoisett Diner for many years.

Flo loved her son Justin and was so proud of all his accomplishments. She adored her two beautiful grandchildren Brantley and Ember. Florence was generous to a fault and would give the shirt off her back to anyone in need. Her love of the ocean was well known and her favorite spot was Ned's Point in Mattapoisett. It was there she could feel her worries of the day wash away with the tides. Sitting by an open campfire while listening to the beautiful sounds of nature brought great comfort to her heart and soul. She enjoyed music and attended numerous concerts throughout the years. Flo had a lovely voice and could always be heard singing or humming a favorite tune. She will be truly missed by all who loved her.

Florence is survived by her son Justin Dubois, his wife Courtney, their two adored children Brantley and Ember Dubois all of Marion. Two brothers David Dubois, his wife Robin of Westport, Michael Dubois his wife Lynne of Fairhaven, sister Michelle Dubois and her partner Misty Reis of New Bedford. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Flo was predeceased by her brothers Raymond and Steven Dubois.

Services will be scheduled in the near future. Arrangements are in the care of Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. For online tributes, please visit: www.rock-funeralhome.com

Lorraine T. (McGrath) Lake, 91, of Mattapoisett died peacefully on January 3, 2022 at home surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of the late Donald O. Lake.

Born and raised in New Bedford, daughter of the late Martin J. and Zedder (Rose) McGrath, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

She enjoyed singing and playing the piano.

Survivors include her 3 sons, Donald Lake, Michael Lake and his wife Paulette, all of Mattapoisett and Robert Lake of Marion; 3 daughters, Kathleen Harding and her husband Harry of Rochester, Susan Lake and Patricia Levesque, both of Mattapoisett; a sister, Barbara Almeida of Dartmouth; 14 grandchildren, Sarah Johnson and her husband Maceo, Ian Lake, Harrison Harding and his wife Lindsay, Steven Harding, Michael Harding and his wife Emily, Crystal Eastwine and her husband Charles, Brian Harding and his wife Ramey, Shane Lake, Marissa Beauregard and her husband Tim, Kayleigh Lake, Austin Lake, Matthew Savaria, Andre Levesque and Colleen Levesque; 8 great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Aaron, Cassandra, Audrey, Brittney, Chase, Aybree and Aryah; 3 great-great-grandchildren, Dakoda, Rylie and Tayven; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Steven Lake, great-grandmother of the Late Chloe Harding and sister of the late Eleanor Cooper.

Her visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, January 5th from 4-8 pm the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 6th at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church and the family has asked that the public meet directly at church. Burial will follow in Pine Island Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation www.wish.com. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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can also dispose of their trees at the drop-off site located at the end of Benson Brook Road on January 8th between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Trees in plastic bags or with ornaments will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please call the Marion DPW Office at 508-748-3540.

MA Preservation Projects Fund Grant Cycle Announced

The Marion Historical Commission would like to share information with the Tri-town communities about the next round of state Preservation Grants.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission has just announced Round 28 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant program (MPPF.)

The MPPF is a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program established in 1984 to support the preservation of properties, landscapes and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization.

Properties are listed in the State Register of Historic Places if they meet one of three criteria:
-Listed in the National Register of Historic Places
-Determined Eligible for National Register listing by the MA Historical Commission
-Included in the Inventory of Historic Assets of the local community

Determination of a property's eligibility can be obtained by accessing the MHC MACRIS online website: mhc-macris.net or by contacting the local historical commission in your town. (Please note that grant disbursement is subject to reauthorization of the capital accounts and the availability of sufficient allocated funds.) MPPF Round 28 application submission deadline is March 18. MPPF Round 28 scheduled grant award date is June 8.

More information and the application materials and video can be found at: www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcmppf/mppfidx.htm.

Questions should be directed to MHC Grants Division staff at 617-727-8470.

MFD Launching Reflective House Number Program

The Marion Fire Department and The Marion Fire Association is launching a program to provide homeowners in town with reflective address markers to ensure their home can be easily found by first responders in an emergency.

The address markers are designed to be highly visible during the daytime and nighttime and will have reflective material on both sides in order to be visible from both directions. They are also designed to be fade resistant.

The markers will have predrilled holes and can be mounted to mailbox posts or lawn stakes. Assistance will

be provided for those that are unable to install or mount the markers themselves.

The markers will be free to Marion's senior homeowners age 55 and above thanks to a $2,180 Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Senior SAFE grant that was awarded to the Marion Fire Department in February.

"Seconds matter in an emergency and it is incredibly important that we are able to locate a house as fast as possible," Chief Jackvony said. "Reflective markers such as those provided through this program will help first responders find and ensure they are in the correct location, both during the day and at night. We are grateful to the Department of Fire Services and Baker-Polito Administration for making available the funding that allows us to provide this important safety tool to our senior residents for free."

Markers are available to homeowners under age 55 for $20. Please mail or drop off checks to Marion Fire Headquarters at 50 Spring St., Marion MA. Checks should be payable to: Marion Fire Association.

Orders can be emailed to marionmafireassociation@gmail.com or mailed to the Marion Fire Department, 50 Spring St., Marion, MA 02738.

Any questions about the program or submitting an order should be directed to marionmafireassociation@gmail.com or 508-748-3596.

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Movie Review

Blood Simple

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Tragedy of Macbeth.* Starring Denzel Washington and Frances McDormand. Directed by Joel Coen. Running time: 105 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in select theaters; streaming on Apple+ starting January 14.**

Stripped down for action, shot in black-and-white in the boxy old Academy ratio, Joel Coen's *The Tragedy of Macbeth* couldn't be much more a hat-tip to *film noir* — the mode of narrative that has been so good to Coen and his brother Ethan (who sat this one out), from *Blood Simple* to *No Country for Old Men*. In this *Macbeth,* you don't feel the pain of violence, as you did in Roman Polanski's 1971 version, or Akira Kurosawa's 1958 *Throne of Blood.* Nor do you really feel the weight of guilt and murder on the souls of Macbeth (Denzel Washington) and his wife (Frances McDormand). What you do get is an art-house riff on Shakespeare's themes; visually and aurally this is a masterful achievement. Coen is using *Macbeth* to carpenter a stark, stylized tribute to a film genre he loves.

So throw out whatever Shakespeare-nerd expectations you may bring to *The Tragedy of Macbeth;* this ride's for *film* nerds. The experience isn't even much about performance, though Washington and McDormand — to paraphrase a critic quoted in the Coens' *Barton Fink* — acquit themselves admirably. The star of this *Macbeth* is nowhere seen on the stage. Joel Coen must be aware that the Scottish play is so baldly a forerunner of *noir* — with its bargain-bin Macbeths led down the path of sin and doom by conniving dames — it has actually spawned movies that recast it in gangster-flick clothes (1955's *Joe Macbeth,* 1990's *Men of Respect*). Yet nothing in the design of the film — the costuming, the sets — links it to those earlier chiaroscuro morality tales. It's dark and bleak and stylish, but more closely resembles, say, Welles' *Chimes at Midnight* or Robert Eggers' *The Lighthouse.*

The problem with Coen's approach is that it feels like an exercise. The visuals (and the beefy soundscape, where drops of blood seem to fall with thunderous force) are meant to express this or that, but mostly they just convey a director's nifty ideas. When Macbeth raises arms against Macduff (Corey Hawkins), they're both in a narrow walkway hemmed in by tall concrete walls, yet they're also outdoors, so they get to taste teasing sips of the air while effectively buried alive. That design does work emotionally — they're both like rats in a maze, stuck there by fate, and we feel the claustrophobic guilt and shame that put them there. Elsewhere, the three witches (all played, dynamically, by Kathryn Hunter) stand reflected in a puddle — or, rather, two witches are reflected from the third — or the frame is filled with leaves or crows. Sometimes the style is a bit much, but then *noir* always was.

As beautifully put-together as this is, though, I can't help shrugging a little. Joel Coen has successfully told more than a few stories about the folly of crime. It's as though he had finally worked back to the *ur-noir,* the original wellspring of crime drama and "Be sure your sins will find you out," and found himself cowed, insecure. In this respect, Coen's *Macbeth* is expressive after all: it expresses a smart director's nervousness about approaching a capital-C classic — nervousness he resolves by visually showing daddy Shakespeare (and daddies Welles, Kurosawa, Polanski) who's the captain now. But dramatically he sort of drops the ball.

Perhaps it's because he has no fun Coen divertissements to fall back on; even in the Coens' adapted work there are usually scurvy or scary villains, and there really aren't any here (the hero, in what still seems a radical turn, *becomes* the villain). Coen reaches gratefully towards Hunter's witches, or Stephen Root in a funny bit; their brand of showmanship is more in line with Coen's comfort zone. But when it comes time to make us feel the full pressure of a man who decides to cross the line you can't uncross, or the horror of a woman who agitates for murder but whose dreams drown in incriminating gore, Coen doesn't come up with anything. The morality of it all seems weightless. But, boy, is it something to look at.

having large and clearly visible house numbers. Numbers should be facing the street, visible at night and not blocked by trees or bushes. Those with long driveways should have house numbers on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of their driveway near the roadway.

Machacam Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 3**. We will not be meeting in January. We wish a happy, healthy and fruitful Holiday Season to all Club members and to all in our wider community.

Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center has announced open auditions for all roles in the upcoming production of The Puzzle with the Piazza written by Mark Dunn and directed by Pippa Asker. Due to current MAC policies and for everyone's safety, only fully-vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Auditions are scheduled on Saturday, **January 8** from 10am-12pm and Sunday, **January 9** from 2-4pm at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA. Performance dates are Friday, March 11 - Sunday, March 13 and Thursday, March 17 -Sunday, March 20. All Thursday-Saturday shows will begin at 7:30pm, and Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm. Anyone entering the Marion Art Center must wear a mask. Please send any questions to the director at pasker@comcast.net.

Director Pippa Asker will be casting four females and one male. Roles include: Althea Witlin - woman in her seventies; Leif Morrell - young man, thirties; Connie Morrell (Leif's wife) – thirties; Mattie Pleshette - young woman, neighbor, in her twenties/thirties; and Ina Gluck - Althea's sister – early- to mid-seventies.

Show Synopsis: The Puzzle with the Piazza, a new full-length comedy-drama by Mark Dunn, author of Belles, Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain and The Glitter Girls, tells the story of septuagenarian Althea Witlin who has one jigsaw puzzle among her large collection that she's never worked. It contains 3,000 pieces, and she has less than a day to finish it because poor health has forced her to move in with her younger sister … without her puzzles. The Puzzle with the Piazza is a gentle, bittersweet comedy/drama about the fragility of family ties and the often much stronger bonds of friendship that lattice the final years of our lives.

New Mending Workshop in February - The Marion Art Center will offer a new one-day workshop, Visible Mending with Sashiko with Instructor Crickett Warner, on Saturday, February 12 from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Join the renewed trend of repairing your clothing with beautiful traditional Japanese mending techniques and patterns. First recorded in Japan in the 16th century, peasants repaired worn-out clothing using scraps and layering to make material stronger. Local patterns identified people from different regions. Using thread and needles specifically made for Sashiko stitching, most students will complete one patch during the workshop, and some may finish up the last bits at home. Patterns and directions will be provided. Some denim jeans will be available to practice on, but it's best for students to bring their own (holes not required) so the masterpieces can be worn! The cost for the three-hour workshop is $60 for MAC members and $65 for nonmembers plus a $10 materials fee per student. Registration is open now online. More information including a list of provided materials can be found at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Dec 26-Jan 1
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV collision
- Mill St - Transport
- Mill St – General offense
- Parlowtown Rd – Missing person
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Front St – MV stop/arrest
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Transport
- Wareham Rd – General offense
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Joanne Dr – General offense
- Parlowtown Rd – Noise complaint
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- Barnabas Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Register Rd – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – MV collision
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd – Smoke investigation
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Vine St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Mansfield Ave – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Property found
- Front St – Animal complaint

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Dec 26-Jan 1
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Brant Beach Ave – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Park St – Follow up investigation
- Second St – Animal control
- Prospect Rd – Open door
- Prospect Rd – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Oyster Ln – Suspicious MV
- Church St – Officer wanted
- North St – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Shaw St – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- I195 West – Assist other agency
- Church St - Soliciting
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Assist citizen
- Water St – Animal control
- North St – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Open door
- North St – Follow up investigation
- Fairhaven Rd – Larceny/forgery
- County Rd – Follow up
- River Rd – 911 call
- Prince Snow Cir – 911 call
- Euclid Ave – 911 call
- Cannon St – Missing person
- River Rd – Assist citizen
- Mechanic St – Property found

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Dec 26-Jan 1
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Braley Hill Rd - Medical
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln - Threats
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- Shadow Farm Ln – 911 call
- Stuart Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hiller Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – MV stop/citation
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Taber Ln - Medical
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision/arrest
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Hiller Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- Bishop Rd – Suspicious activity
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Message delivery
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Jan 10: BBQ pork patty, baked beans, hot German slaw, corn bread, peaches
Tuesday, Jan11: Buttermilk chicken, parslied mashed potatoes, Tuscany blend vegetable, multigrain bread, chocolate chip cookie, diet: low sugar cookie
Wednesday, Jan 12: Tuna sandwich, pasta salad, beet salad, sub roll, pineapple
Thursday, Jan 13: Roast turkey w/ gravy, sour cream & chive, mashed potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat roll, apple
Friday, Jan 14: Ziti w/meat sauce, peas, oatmeal roll, pears

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 10: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked French fries, roasted chic peas
Tuesday, Jan11: Taco nacho beef, golden corn, fiesta corn & bean salad
Wednesday, Jan 12: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, crunchy cucumber coins, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 13: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Jan 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Jan 10: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked French fries, roasted chic peas
Tuesday, Jan11: Taco nacho beef, golden corn, fiesta corn & bean salad
Wednesday, Jan 12: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, crunchy cucumber coins, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 13: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Jan 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Jan 10: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked French fries, roasted chic peas
Tuesday, Jan11: Taco nacho beef, golden corn, fiesta corn & bean salad
Wednesday, Jan 12: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, crunchy cucumber coins, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 13: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Jan 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Jan 10: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked French fries, roasted chic peas
Tuesday, Jan11: Taco nacho beef, golden corn, fiesta corn & bean salad
Wednesday, Jan 12: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, crunchy cucumber coins, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 13: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Jan 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Jan 10: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked French fries, roasted chic peas
Tuesday, Jan11: Taco nacho beef, golden corn, fiesta corn & bean salad
Wednesday, Jan 12: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, crunchy cucumber coins, orange smiles
Thursday, Jan 13: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Jan 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, chilled mixed fruit

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Jan 10: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit
Tuesday, Jan11: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce & bread
Wednesday, Jan 12: Cheese pizza quesadilla
Thursday, Jan 13: Shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & fries
Friday, Jan 14: Assorted pizza

Rochester Historic Commission Historic Plaque Program

The Rochester Historical Commission is pleased to announce a voluntary Historic Structure plaque program to recognize the rich historic and architectural history of our town and the people who lived here. Hopefully, these plaques will enhance the appearance of our town's older properties and provide information about and pride in them. These plaques will help tell our shared history and stimulate an interest and appreciation of the diversity of architectural styles in our town. They will be a fitting way to recognize the historical and architectural heritage of Rochester.

A property will qualify if it can meet two of the following criteria:

Age: The structure is of an advanced age (usually built prior to 1970) and retains significant original character and design.

Event: Structures associated with an historic event of local, regional or national significance.

People: Structures associated with the life of a person or group who made a notable contribution to history. If the original owner cannot be verified, a subsequent owner of historic significance may be listed.

Style: A structure with distinctive characteristics of architectural or construction type.

Cultural Landscape/Archeology: A former structure that contributed to the understanding of our local history of record such as a farm or business.

Plaques will not restrict owners from making changes to their property. The plaques are decorative and informational only. The plaque is a medium-density overlay (MDO) waterproof signboard, finished with three coats of special sign painters' oil-based primer and a white enamel topcoat with black antique lettering. Holes are predrilled and include stainless steel screws for mounting.

The plaques are 12-inches high and 16-inches wide. RHC asks that plaques be attached to the front facade of the house and visible from the street, if possible.

Homeowners may ascertain information about their properties by consulting the following sources:

The Survey of Historical and Architectural Resources, 4 volumes organized into areas and streets which can be found at the Plumb Library, Town Hall and the Rochester Historical Society or online from the Massachusetts Historical Commission database (http://mhc-macris.net) or historic maps on the RHC website. Owners will then complete an application form found on the RHC portion of the town website and send it to the Rochester Historical Commission, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester with a check for $75.00 made out to Oulde Colony Artisans. The Rochester Historical Commission will review the applications at its scheduled monthly meeting. Any changes will be discussed with owners prior to submission to sign maker.

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NBSO Presents Rituals

On Saturday, **January 8**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents "Rituals." Under the direction of Music Director Yaniv Dinur, the orchestra will perform works by Clarice Assad, Max Bruch, Jesse Montgomery and Ottorino Respighi. The guest artist for this concert is violinist Vadim Gluzman.

Recognized as one of today's top violinists, Mr. Gluzman will perform Bruch's beloved Violin Concerto, a piece that never fails to enchant listeners. Plus, in this program that evokes different places and customs, the orchestra performs Nhanderú by Clarice Assad. Her lush music depicts an old rainmaker ritual in the Amazon Basin. Jesse Montgomery's nostalgic piece Records from

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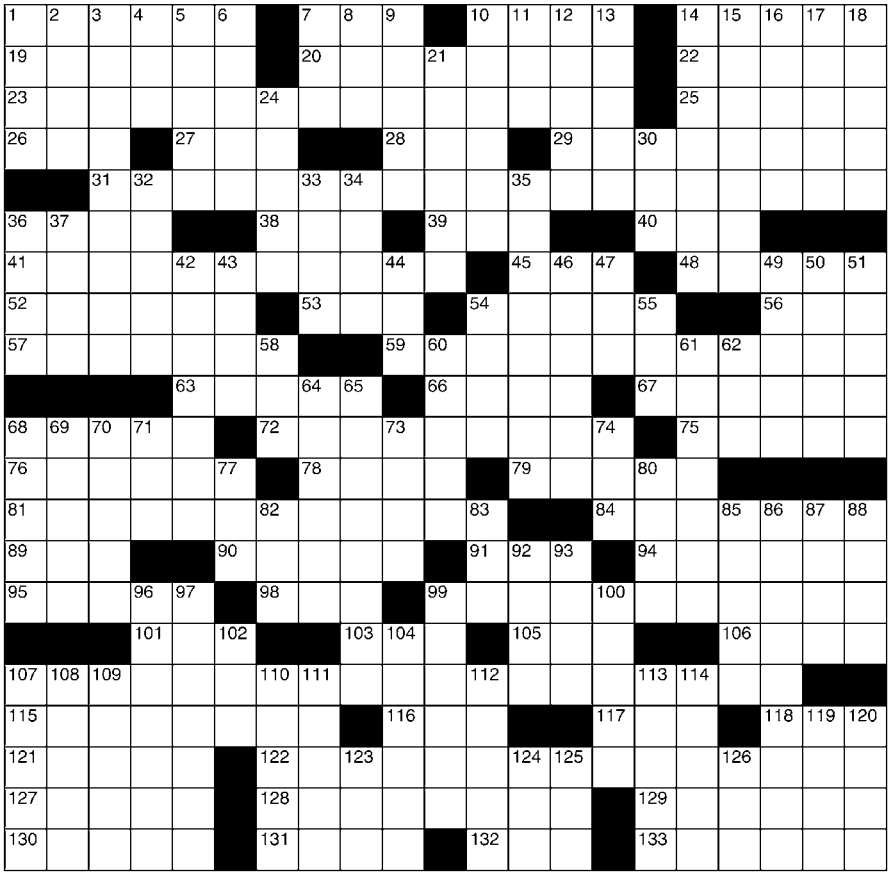
1 Pillager
7 Branch of Buddhism
10 Mosque minister
14 Stallone role
19 Large lizard
20 Shirt-pocket audio player
22 Wine coolers
23 Gasohol, e.g.
25 Italy's largest port
26 Apartment, e.g.: Abbr.
27 Sculling need
28 That, in Spanish
29 America's Cup sport
31 Passed-on value system, say
36 Ever and —
38 "The Fresh Prince of — -Air"
39 Volkswagen hatchback
40 Ellipsis bit
41 Serious moral offense
45 Big Apple airport code
48 Superbright colors
52 "Relax, GI!"
53 — Kippur
54 Song of thanksgiving
56 Drink sample
57 Tattoos and piercings
59 Journalistic profession
63 Childbirth assistant
66 Two-spinoff CBS series
67 Quit sleeping
68 Very manly
72 Like gross profits ... or how the ends of eight answers in this puzzle might appear
75 Digital greeting
76 Illicit love affairs
78 Helen's city
79 4-point Scrabble piece
81 Events to move merchandise for charity
84 Redgrave of film
89 Ending for Canton
90 Leg bone
91 Pro hoops gp.
94 Tested the weight of by lifting
95 Take hold
98 Flanders on "The Simpsons"
99 Bucolic byway
101 Here-there linkup
103 Madam's partner
105 Plains tribe
106 Shady giants
107 Earnings not allocated for necessary items
115 Very brave
116 Adam's partner
117 Suffix with northwest
118 Provided with a meal
121 Razor-honing band
122 It may be trespassed on
127 Move around like a baby
128 Bristlecone, for one
129 "Tru" subject
130 Made of turf
131 River through Flanders
132 37-Down part: Abbr.
133 Neighbor on "Seinfeld"

DOWN
1 Perjurer, e.g.
2 Leer at
3 Earned more points than
4 — Bo (fitness system)
5 Register, to a Brit
6 Rushed toward
7 Pimple
8 Start for dermis
9 Many a fiction book
10 Newborn
11 Egyptian — (certain cat)
12 In the blink of —
13 Grinding tooth
14 "You said it!"
15 Transparency film
16 "MIB" part
17 Ride to bust
18 Plains tribe
21 Fashion
24 Caribbean isle
30 "El —" (1961 epic film)
32 Oct. 24 observance
33 Count (on)
34 Besides that
35 Boisterous merriment
36 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")
37 Western mil. alliance
42 Dancer Duncan
43 Roman despot
44 Global financial gp.
46 Reaches
47 Jacuzzi sigh
49 Honshu port
50 Saltpeter
51 Fork out
54 Purple-brown
55 School lobby gp.
58 Soaking spot
60 One way to serve ham or pastrami
61 "It's Pat" star Julia
62 Tic-toe linkup
64 Leaves alone
65 "Yes, sorry to say"
68 Former fillies
69 Entertain
70 Tailed orbiter
71 Engine noise
73 Dancing girl in "Return of the Jedi"
74 VII times II
77 Boss of a cpl.
80 Actor Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
82 A, to Wilhelm
83 — -cone (frozen treat)
85 Actor — Zimbalist Jr.
86 Robbed
87 Stitched line
88 Counts up
92 Wave-tossed bobber
93 Voting "no"
96 Exclusive group of people
97 Lack of a response
99 Fancy tie
100 Copier ink
102 Agent, for short
104 "The nerve!"
107 Wafers, e.g.
108 Prelim
109 Fine fiddle
110 Prone to tilt
111 "The Wire" actor Elba
112 Trendy again
113 Earthen pot
114 Comparable (with)
119 Feminizing suffix
120 Batik artisan
123 Feminizing suffix
124 Ending for cannon
125 Cribbage pin
126 Green-minded gp.



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for the New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpian, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

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a Vanishing City recalls the composer's upbringing in New York City and the music that accompanied it. And Respighi's Roman Festivals brings back to life the ceremonies, festivities and wild games of Ancient Rome.

"Rituals" will take place on January 8, 7:30 pm at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Please join us in the theatre at 6:30 pm for Yaniv Dinur's preconcert talk to learn more about the evening's music. Doors to the theatre will open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $10 –$65, with $5 student tickets (available at the box office only with student ID.) Purchase tickets through the Z box office, 508-994-2900 or online at www.nbsymphony.org. Convenient concert parking is available in the Z garage for a $4 cash fee or on the streets surrounding the theater.

The Zeiterion requires all attendees at indoor performances and gatherings over the age of 12 to provide documentation demonstrating full vaccination against the COVID-19 virus or submit documentation of a negative COVID-19 test, (PCR test within 72 hours or antigen test administered by a provider within 24 hours of the show that you are attending) along with a photo ID. Properly-fitting face masks are also required for all ages. Please visit www.zeiterion.org to view current details on all Health & Safety protocols. Also, note that a stage extension will be used for this concert and covers the first 5 rows of seating.

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Veteran Service Dog

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If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please send a letter describing yourself and how you feel a service dog could benefit you. The goal is to match this puppy, born in early October, with his new owner and begin training before the New Year. This is a great opportunity, and I hope to hear from our local Veterans soon.

Please send all correspondence to: Veterans Service Office, PO Box 425, Mattapoisett MA 02739. Or contact Chris Gerrior Tri-Town Veteran's Agent, by phone or email, 508-758-4100 ext: 214. vso@mattapoisett.net.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Great Decisions Program

Once again, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club offers Great Decisions, a community outreach program produced through the publication of the Foreign Policy Association. This is a global citizen discussion group designed to educate, encourage debate and uncover policies related to the chapters in the text.
The topics this year are: Outer Space * Changing Demographics(Bonus Article) * Climate Change * Russia * Myammar and ASEAN * Quad Alliance * Drug Policy in Latin America * Industrial Policy * Biden's Agenda.

The format of the program is to offer individuals

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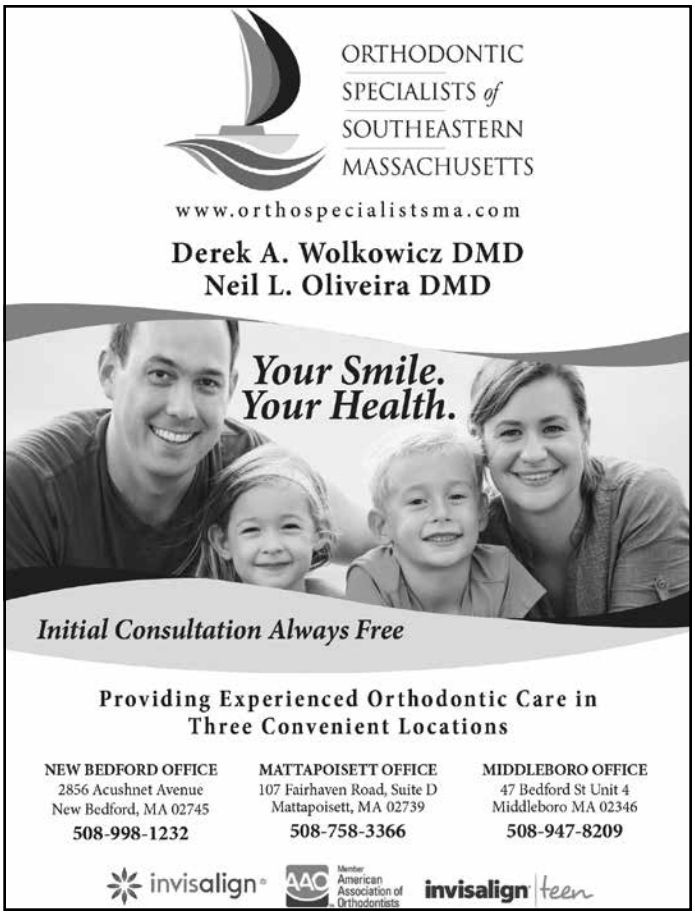

TriTown Happenings

The Marion Food Pantry is almost set to open at the Cushing Community Center. Hours will be Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon, according to Council on Aging Director Karen Gregory. The pilot program will begin by offering nonperishable food and household items and is considering expanding to Mattapoisett and Rochester, adding perishable food offerings contingent on available storage. Marion families are invited to visit the pantry once per week, and home deliveries will be offered to homebound residents through use of the COA vans. The pantry will be funded by a grant through the Wareham-based Gleason Family YMCA, the COA donation account and private donations. Those interested in offering financial support can make donations during regular COA hours, Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Photos by Mick Colageo

It was not publicized or heavily promoted, but traditions are hard to break. That was the case on New Year's Day 2022 when a hearty group of some 200 "plungers" arrived at Mattapoisett Town Beach for their annual dip in the harbor. Last year the event was not publicized at all, said this year's organizers, Heather and Michael Bichsel. "But we decided since people were going to show up anyway, we'd help to keep this going." Donations were accepted for Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and "Keep On Plunging" t-shirts were sold to further the fundraising effort. Photo by Marilou Newell

Children celebrated the New Year at noontime on December 31 at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Photo by Mick Colageo

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a way to express their opinions, experiences and thoughts on national and international policies.

Start date will be Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 1:00pm to 3:00pm and will continue each Wednesday for eight weeks until March 9, 2022. The Mattapoisett Library will cosponsor this program by offering both the Zoom video platform and in-person participation.

Each session includes the viewing of a 20-minute DVD film associated with the topic of discussion that begins sharply at 1:00pm.

Individual price is $40.00. If two people are sharing one book, the price is $50.00. The fee includes the text, expenses and the price of one shared DVD.

To register, you need to send your check with "Great Decisions" listed in the memo along with your name, address, phone number and email to Mattapoisett Woman's Club Box 1444, Mattapoisett MA 02739. This is a first-come first-serve registration with a maximum of thirty people only. The Mattapoisett Woman's club and the Library look forward to your participation.

Preschool Screening Clinic Scheduled

The Old Rochester Regional School District will be holding its annual screening clinic for 3- and 4-year-olds on Wednesday, **January 26, 2022,** at Center School and on Thursday, **March 10, 2022,** at Sippican School.

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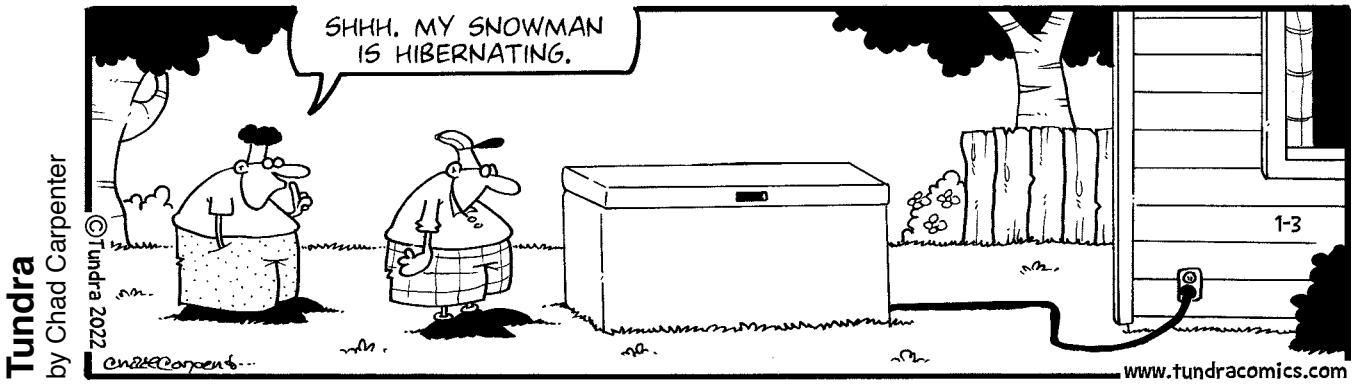
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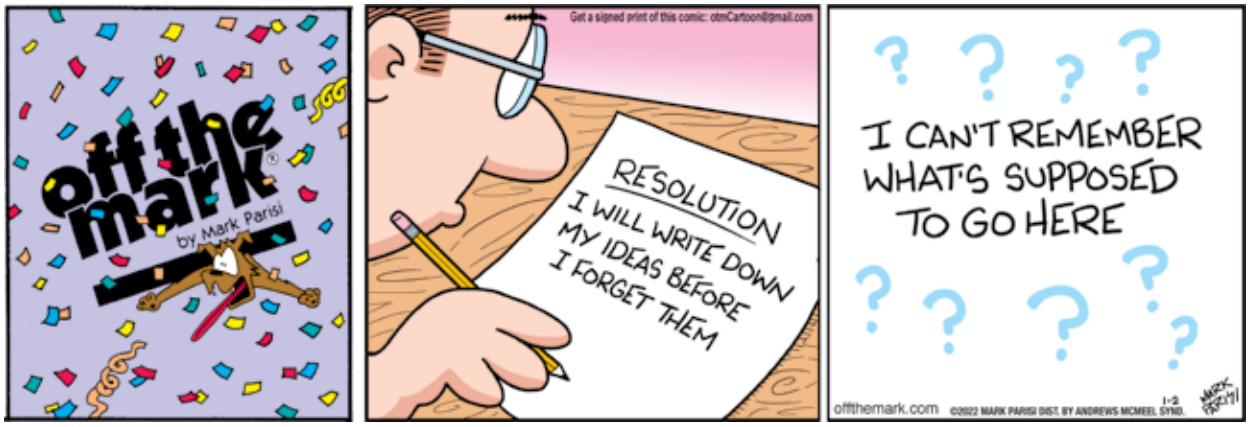
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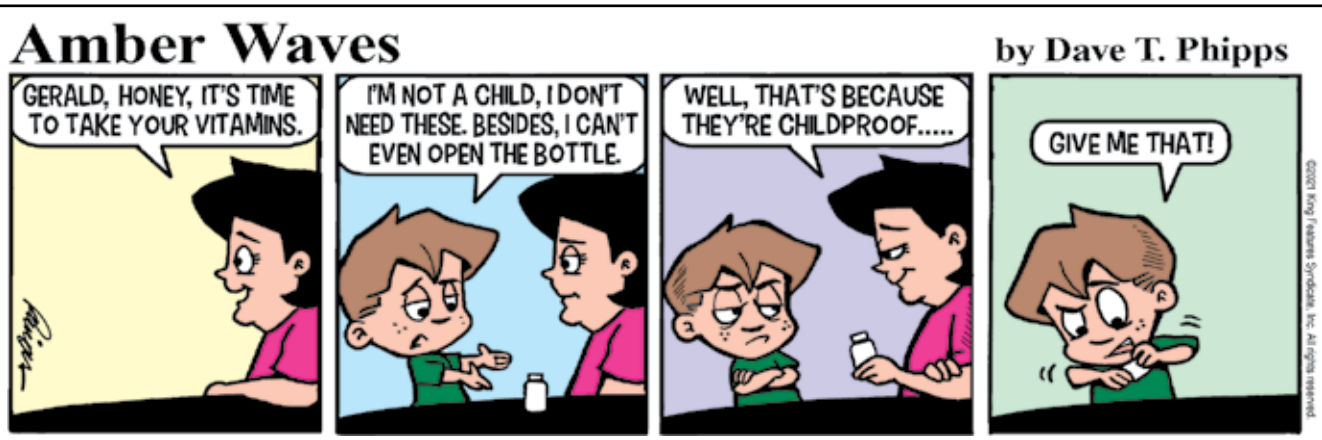
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Mattapoisett Boy Scouts

The new Scouting year is underway for Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53! Come check out Scouting. We offer activities including biking, kayaking, hiking, climbing and fun monthly campouts and more. We are looking for boys ages 11 to 17 to join us for adventure. No previous Scouting experience is necessary. Call or text 508-245-2948 for more information and check out our Facebook page at Mattapoisett Troop 53.

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra

Individual concert tickets are now on sale for the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's 2021-2022 season. Ticket prices range from $10 - $65, with student tickets always $5. Purchase tickets online through the NBSO website (www.nbsymphony.org) or by calling the Zeiterion box office at 508-994-2900. In addition, the NBSO offers several discounted subscription options for three or more concerts. Subscription packages are

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #792, Modification

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2022 on the application of Jay Flanagan for a Variance from section 230-5.1 of the bylaw to allow a covered entry to be four feet closer to street than the current non-conforming structure is sited; and for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow an extension of a non-conforming garage (both height and footprint) to accommodate two bedrooms and bath.

The property, located at 26 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 6.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson

**Please contact Anne Marie Tobia at 508-748-3516 or atobia@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/23, 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #798

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:35 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2022 on the application of Terence & Kym Lee for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1(c) of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an addition to the existing non-conforming residence.

The property, located at 43 Holmes Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 131C.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on January 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Ave, Rochester, MA 02770 regarding a Definitive Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision within the Residential/Agricultural District, filed by Decas Cranberry Co., LLC, for property located at 0 Mary's Pond Road, Rochester, MA 02770, Map 12 Lot 7. The applicant proposes a two lot subdivision with a 365 foot long recycled asphalt roadway. The applicant's representative is John L. Libby Consulting, 24 Logan Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. The property owner of record is Fruit D'Or Real Estate USA Corporation. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413982873Meeting ID: 874 1398 2873Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/23, 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE PF PUBLIC HEARING #1170

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC for property located at 0 High Street, identified on Assessor's Map 19, Lot 5 who is seeking a Special Permit for the construction of a 190-foot monopole style telecommunications facility under Chapter 22.30 Personal Wireless Services Facilities of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.

To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992269780

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David Arancio, Chairman 12/23, 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Dianna Markel, for a 16' diameter stone paver patio on gravel base at 2 Lewis Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 99 on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair

*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTIC OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*) on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Clayton J. Bosch proposing a septic system repair at 2 Sassamon Trail.

The site is further identified as Lot 131 on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Shaun P. Walsh, Chair

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TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:05 pm remotely via Zoom* to consider the request of Marion Lands Trust, LLC. The application is for a Special Permit under Section 230 – 8.9F of the Marion Bylaws to allow a common driveway to serve two lots.

The property is located at 371 Wareham Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's map as Map 11, Lots 134 and 68B located in the General Business Zoning District.

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk. Please call or email Terri Santos tsantos@marionma.gov or 508-748-3517 if unable to get into the Town Hall and would like the full text emailed or mailed to you.

William W. Saltonstall, Chairman

Eileen J. Marum, Vice Chairman

* Please call or email Terri Santos for the virtual meeting information: tsantos@marionma.gov or 508-748-3517. If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record. 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Pedro Yac De Leon for 151 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 21, Lot 3. The applicant proposes to abandon the existing cesspool and connect the existing single family dwelling to public sewer.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by James E. & Dale C. Barnes.

The Applicants propose to install sono-tube foundation supports for a proposed timber trellis over an existing ground level patio within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (EI.17.

The property is located at 69 Mattapoisett Neck Road which is further identified as Lot #17 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #12.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

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Widowed Persons Support

The Mattapoisett COA holds Widowed Persons Support every first Thursday of each month at 9:30 am at 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA, at the COA Entrance. Free and confidential, led by Nancy Arnold, Bereavement Counselor, Southcoast Health VNA. Contact Nancy for more information at 508-973-3227 or ArnoldN@southcoast.org.

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Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our February 3 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of $100!

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.
Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 24.
Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.
All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 26 and end on January 31. To vote, visit our web page at: **www.wanderer.com.** The winner will be on the cover of our February 3 edition.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING

An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filing by property owners Clapp Nominee Trust c/o William Clapp, for property located at 0 Clapp Road Rochester, MA 02770, Map 30 Lot 3A (ANR Lot 2-2). This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency effective June 16, 2021. The applicant seeks to confirm proposed single- family dwelling and associated utilities is outside of the buffer zone .The applicant's representative is Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., 1 County Road, P.O. Box 480, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83669676257Meeting ID: 836 6967 6257Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #800

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022 on the application of Marion Village Estates, LLC, seeking what the Board had determined is a substantial change to a previously issued comprehensive permit to allow for a different water meter as otherwise required, pursuant to 760 CMR 56.00 et seq.

The property, located at 36 Village Drive, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 24A as Lot 41.Cynthia Callow, Chairperson

**Please contact Anne Marie Tobia at 508-748-3516 or atobia@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 1/6, 1/13

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #799

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:35 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022 on the application of George H. and Jean L. Linzee for a Special Permit under section 230-8.6 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an Accessory Apartment as allowed under sections 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3.

The property, located at 460 Front Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 23 as Lot 41.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Christopher Neill, Woodwell Climate Research Center, 149 Woods Hole Rd, Falmouth, MA 02540. The proposed project is to install a staff gauge and under water level recorder in Tripps Mill Brook. The project is located at Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett, MA, and is further identified as Lot 8 on Assessor Map 22.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/6

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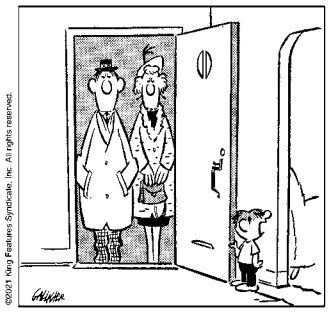

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Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, a nonprofit, nongovernmental group, has been aiding COA programs and supplementing the needs of senior citizens in the community for many years. During that time, the FOTMCOA has purchased furnishings, appliances and televisions that the COA has used in its social rooms for the benefit of seniors frequenting the COA.

The group also sponsors the monthly COA newsletter "Seasonings" and also hosts various special event luncheons throughout the year giving seniors the opportunity to meet up with other seniors for a bit of fun and food and social and emotional support, enriching the lives of Mattapoisett 's senior population.

The fundraising work of the FOTMCOA supports COA programs, education and other needs for which public funds are either not available or need supplementing.

Due to a decrease in membership, new members are now urgently needed to carry on the mission of the FOTMCOA.

Can you help? If you can share an hour once a month to attend the FOTMCOA meeting or wish to assist in any way possible, please contact Anne Bartnowski at 508-758-4603 or email at annebartnowski1@gmail.com.

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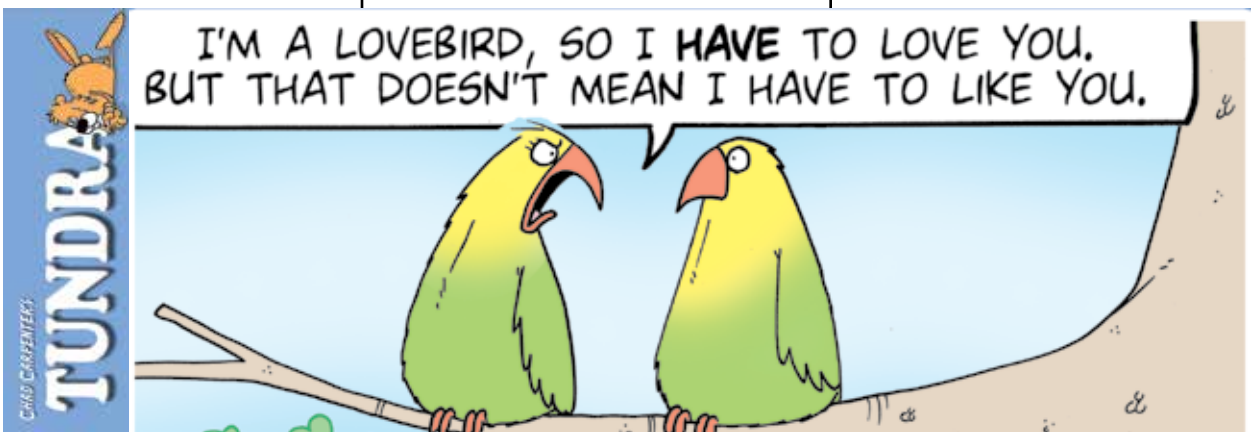
Bruce Baggarly	January 6
Michael Muldoon	January 6
Noah Hathaway	January 6
Brendan Foster	January 7
Jessica Fuller	January 7
Anne Johnson	January 8
Richie Gilbert	January 8
Liz Hathaway	January 9
Maris Hubbard	January 9
Dalton Pinto	January 10
Tim Watterson	January 11
Amanda Fillio	January 12
Debbie Morrell	January 12
Jeannine Lola Duchaine	January 12

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information on line to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



registered customers can enjoy 24/7 access to payment history and bills. By registering, customers will also be able to pay anytime, anywhere with a mobile-optimized experience either online, on their mobile device or by text message. Other enhanced features include the ability to schedule a payment, either for the same day or a future date or to establish an automatic payment schedule.

Paying electronically is faster and more convenient than paying with personal online banking. Paying with personal online banking results in an actual bank check mailed to the Town. Many times, incorrect or missing information causes delays in payment posting. EFT/ACH payments are received and cleared faster than checks issued by banks. The Collector's Office uploads electronic payment files; therefore, improving the accuracy and timeliness of payment posting for customers. In addition to receiving email reminders when a payment is due and a confirmation email after making a payment, customers can sign up for courtesy email reminders.

Advantages of e-Billing and Payment:

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What do you like and don't like?

What could be new and different?

How can the church be more helpful to you and your family today?

What's your idea of the neighborhood Catholic Church?

All opinions are welcomed and valued...A judgement free zone, for productive conversation on better meeting the needs of Fairhaven. If you have an interest in getting more information on dates and times, or if you have questions, or want more immediate information...we'd love to hear from you.

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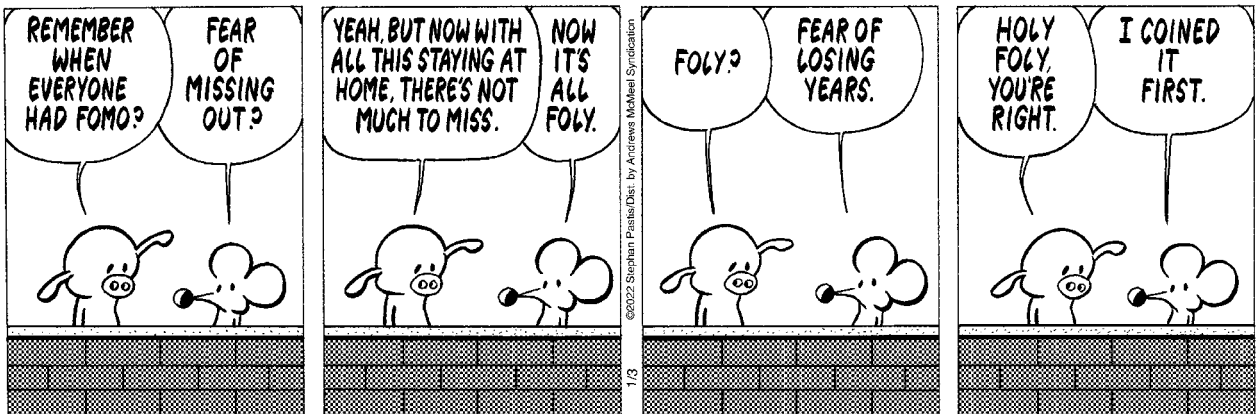
by Stephan Pastis



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Many local police departments offer 24/7 prescription medication drop-boxes for the safe disposal of unused or expired medications. Medications that can be disposed of in the drop-boxes include prescription ointments, prescription medications, medication patches and samples, as well as over-the-counter medications, vitamins and pet medications. Lotions, liquids and nonprescription ointments are not permitted. For your privacy, please remember to remove all personal identification before placing items in the drop-box. In Mattapoisett, the medication drop-box is in the lobby of the Police Station located at 64 County Road (Route 6.)

For the safe disposal of needles and syringes, sharps containers are available free of charge from the Mattapoisett Police Station and the Public Health Nurse's office. Used sharps containers may be returned to the Public Health Nurse's office for safe and proper disposal of these items.

The safe and proper storage and disposal of all medications, needles and syringes help to prevent accidents or misuse. These items should always be stored in a secure location, out of sight and out of reach of children. To assist you with safe storage in the home, lockboxes can be purchased at your local pharmacy or retail store such as CVS, Walgreens or Rite Aid.

For more information, please contact the Mattapoisett Police Department at 508-758-4141 (Non-Emergency,) or the Public Health Nurse at 508-758-4118.

Thank you for your help in protecting our community by safely storing and disposing of your medications, needles and syringes.

Red Cross Volunteers Needed

There are many ways our Red Cross volunteers are involved and give back to the community. They help canteen for our brave first responders and keep you hydrated during a local road race or even a Cape Cod Baseball League game on a hot summer day. We have blood service volunteers that help us fill this critical lifesaving need for blood. There are opportunities to volunteer to service our Armed Forces, Youth Services

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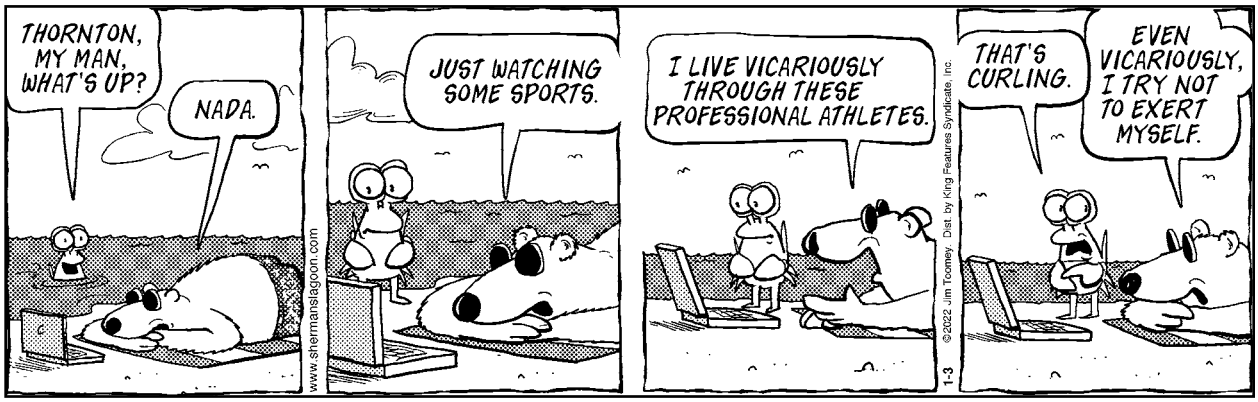

and Health and Safety Preparedness, Communication volunteers, Administrative Support – there are so many ways to serve. Our Disaster Action Team (DAT) members help those in crisis: when disaster strikes, the Red Cross is always there. These wonderful volunteers are not only here for our local communities, but for those in other areas of the country and the globe that need assistance – everything from flooding, fires, natural disasters and more. We are looking for all these types of volunteers, people just like you and me who want to help. Don't worry, we provide training, and you will be ready and confident in your skills to serve in the best capacity. We can't wait until you join our team.

And it's so easy. Simply go online to www.redcross.org/ma/hyannis and click on "Volunteer" to sign up today for our local Cape, Island and Southeast Mass Chapter. We serve Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Plymouth and Bristol Counties in Southeast Mass.

Once you volunteer, you become part of an honorable tradition you can be proud of. Sign up today.

FISH - Friends In Service Helping

Friends In Service Helping has been in operation in Mattapoisett since 1969. We provide rides to medical appointments for elderly residents who cannot drive anymore. We service Mattapoisett residents with transportation from their homes to Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Dartmouth, as well as right here in Mattapoisett. Last year alone we transported 409 residents.

Our town does not have public transportation. Our elderly residents are counting on FISH to get them to their medical appointments. We need more volunteer callers and drivers. We always work around your schedule when it is convenient for you! To find out more about your opportunity to be a FISH volunteer, please call FISH Coordinator Cathy Dupont at 508-758-9681.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Cann, Ryan Cann, Janine	Moniz, Christopher M Moniz, Kimberly J	207 North St	Mattapoisett	12/15/2021	458,000.00
Nourjian, Erica Appleby, Elizabeth S	Gallagher, Katherine M	60 Acushnet Rd	Mattapoisett	12/15/2021	481,500.00
Schellings, Mark E Antin, Elizabeth M	Nokomis Realty Trust Antin, Francis D TR	18 Nokomis Rd	Marion	12/16/2021	350,000.00
Buzzards Bay Coalition	Decas Cranberry Co LLC	Walnut Plain Rd Burgess Ave	Rochester	12/17/2021	825,000.00
Murphy, Leonard Murphy, Marigloria	Shapiro, Ann M	High Ridge Dr Lot 44	Mattapoisett	12/17/2021	339,900.00
375 Front Street LLC	Marion Lands Trust LLC	Village Dr Lot B Front St	Marion	12/17/2021	250,000.00
Romsey, Steven D	Oliver, Keith J Oilver, Debra M	19 Tinkham Ln	Mattapoisett	12/17/2021	440,000.00
Harbor Lane Comm LLC	Marion Lands Trust LLC	369 Wareham Rd	Marion	12/17/2021	450,000.00
Tiberio, Patrick A III Tiberio, Marianne	Rusinoski, Chester O Rusinoski, Debra M	30 Vaughan Hill Rd	Rochester	12/20/2021	1,680,000.00
Shachoy, Christopher M	Shachoy, Meredith C	16 South St	Marion	12/21/2021	628,418.83
	Chachoy, Christopher	18 South St			
Pulsifer, Jean E	Roth, Jon	209 Mendell Rd	Rochester	12/21/2021	775,000.00
Botelho, Kevin S TR Kevin S Botelho RT Botelho, Traci TR Traci R Botelho RT	Torwin Development LLC	Shagbark Cir Lot 92	Mattapoisett	12/21/2021	300,000.00

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	January 6	10:41	11:09	3:51	4:39
Friday	January 7	11:34		4:43	5:19
Saturday	January 8	12:05	12:27	5:41	6:03
Sunday	January 9	12:59	1:18	7:08	6:53
Monday	January 10	1:53	2:11	8:43	7:47
Tuesday	January 11	2:48	3:07	9:45	8:40
Wednesday	January 12	3:48	4:07	10:31	9:31
Thursday	January 13	4:45	5:03	11:10	10:19
Friday	January 14	5:35	5:51	11:47	11:05
Saturday	January 15	6:17	6:32		12:01
Sunday	January 16	6:55	7:11	12:09	1:05
Monday	January 17	7:29	7:48	12:33	1:45
Tuesday	January 18	8:04	8:25	1:17	2:22
Wednesday	January 19	8:38	9:03	1:59	2:54
Thursday	January 20	9:15	9:44	2:39	3:23
Friday	January 21	9:55	10:26	3:17	3:51
Saturday	January 22	10:39	11:13	3:57	4:22
Sunday	January 23	11:27		4:40	4:59

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	January 9th
	Full Moon	January 17th
	Last Quarter	January 25th
	New Moon	February 1st

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (Pick this page because he's right up there in the tide chart!)

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the December 30, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 21!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. After 2. Ardent; 3. Layer; 4. Shrine

Today's Word

AFRAID

Sudoku Answer

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2	9	8	6	3	7	4	5	1
6	7	3	4	5	1	8	9	2
9	8	5	7	2	3	6	1	4
4	2	1	8	6	9	5	3	7

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

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Friday, January 7 — Thursday, January 13, 2022

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8 oz. Original
Hood Sour Cream ..... 99¢

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Nellie's Eggs $3.49

32 oz. Selected
Stonyfield Organic Yogurt ..... 2/$7

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Store Made
Garlic Bread ..... $2.99 ea.

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Louis Martini $21.99
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We offer curbside pickup!
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Open at 7am daily!

We reserve the right to limit quantities & correct typographical errors. Illustrations are for design purposes only. Items are while supplies last and no rain checks. Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, January 7 — Thursday, January 13, 2022

Blockbuster Savings!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Strip Steak
$14.99 lb.

Boar's Head London Broil Roast Beef
$14.99 lb.

Spindrift 12 oz. Cans 8 Pack Selected Sparkling Water
$5.99 +Dep.

Ben & Jerry's 15.22-16 oz. Selected Frozen Yogurt or Ice Cream
$3.99

Coors Light 12 oz. Cans/Bottles 30 Pack
$27.99 + Dep.

The Seven Deadly Zins 750 ml California Old Vine Zinfandel Wine
$13.99
Reg. Price: $14.99

Quality Produce

1 lb. Pkg. Florida Strawberries	$3.99
Cara Cara or Navel Oranges	$1.69 lb.
Fresh Asparagus	$2.99 lb.
Pint, Florida Grape Tomatoes	2/$5
Seedless Cucumbers	$1.69 ea.
Sweet Onions	$1.29 lb.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!